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SHOULDER SHOCK

IT'S A
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SACK THREAT
HUNG OVER
COACH'S HEAD

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JIMMY SHOULDER, coach of Australia's Youth team, was facing the sack if Australia failed to qualify for the World Youth Championship Finals.

But the jovial 38-year-old Englishman had the last laugh on Sunday when his lads took their fifth consecutive scalp to finish with a 100 percent winning record in the Oceania elimination tournament.

Shoulder has done a magnificent job for Australia, fully realising the dangers and pitfalls that lurked ahead of him.

To me, the threat by the Federation official was callous.

The national Youth coach went into the tournament with the added pressure of instant sacking if he

failed, with numerous critics sitting on the fence ready to sway with the wind.

Shoulder, a former left-back and youth coach with England's Sunderland club, has "been there, done that."

He did his job on the pitch to perfection: played five, won five.

But whilst Shoulder succeeded on the pitch, the off-the-pitch scene left a lot to be desired.

This tournament was a real money-spinner in the making, yet the promotion was poor and very limited.

We are talking about an Australian national team, not a

team from the back of Bourke. Yet why did we never hear Australia's national anthem, let alone those of the guest nations?

Not one single advertisement was placed with the daily papers, nor were there any organised press conferences staged with the visiting nations' coaches and players.

Where's our enterprise, not to mention our national pride?

CONTINUED P2 □ JIMMY SHOULDER



AS from next week, coinciding with the first round of the NSL Cup, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY will be on sale on a Monday.

This means you can get all the National Soccer League match reports, NSW State League round-up plus overseas results a day earlier than usual.

We'll hit the streets with the first delivery of the Daily Mirror in New South Wales, which means you will be able to buy your copy of SOCCER WEEKLY from 11am.

See your newsagent to order your copy of ASW.

Otherwise you may have to wait for the stale news when the other soccer publications appear days later!



□ AUSTRALIAN players celebrate as Chris Kaintzis (on ground at right) heads the Young Socceroos' first goal against Israel on Sunday.

The 3-2 victory over Israel at St George Stadium on Sunday sealed Australia's passage to Moscow for the WYC Finals in August.

However, just prior to the commencement of the Oceania tournament, a leading ASF official told me: "If Shoulder doesn't do the job and win this tournament, he will be sacked."

The very same ASF official had little to say after Australia's Young Champions won the decider against Israel.

When we told Shoulder on Sunday amidst the victory celebrations, jovial Jim answered: "They didn't get a chance to do it, did they?"

He went on: "The boys did a tremendous job for Australia and this was not the first time."

"In Singapore in the Merlion Cup, they were only one penalty kick away from getting into the Final."

"I'm very proud of them. It's been a hell of a battle."

WELL DONE, JIMMY!

BY the time you read this, Jimmy Shoulder will be back at work at Canberra's Institute of Sport.

The World Youth Championship Oceania qualifying series ended on Sunday, and success for the Young Socceroos brought a proud smile to the face of their young coach.

Now Shoulder is readying for a big year in which he will handle the AIS students as well as preparing for the Australian Youth squad's challenge at the WYC Finals in Moscow in August.

Shoulder stuck by the players he selected, even though there were many cries for the inclusion of a handful of better-known players.

Shoulder chose youngsters he believed could and would do the job for Australia, and they did.

Though they were dubbed the "faceless men", they proved Shoulder's judgment right and their performances in the crunch games against New Zealand and Israel were marked by a high degree of

maturity.

For the Young Socceroos didn't panic when they were a goal behind in both games: instead they calmly stuck to their task with well-planned build-ups and penetrating attacks.

Shoulder failed when he coached the senior national team eight years ago, with the main criticism being that he wasn't tough enough.

But the appointment of Shoulder as national Youth coach 12 months ago has paid dividends and the Englishman has proved a worthwhile successor to Les Scheinflug.

He said after Sunday's dramatic final match victory over Israel that he has learnt to be "fatalistic".

"I believe you must work hard at what you do, and then accept whatever comes your way," Shoulder explained.

He has instilled that down-to-earth attitude in his players, who have been tremendous ambassadors for Australia in the tradition

of the previous Youth squads.

Shoulder's friendly, persuasive and above all humble personality has clearly rubbed off on the Young Socceroos.

Jimmy is not just planning one year ahead. His programme is looking forward to Australia's successful participation in the 1987 WYC and beyond.

That programme is built around the Institute set-up, and, examining the involvement of Institute players in the 1983 and 1985 Australian Youth squads, that is clearly the right approach.

The teenagers who come under Shoulder's care are in good hands. Quite obviously they improve their playing ability through the guidance of an experienced and knowledgeable coach, but they are also under the influence of a man who places great importance on character-development.

And, above all else, isn't that the ultimate aim of sport?

WE'RE OFF TO MOSCOW!

Australia.....3 Israel.....2

"MOSCOW HERE WE COME" was the warning Australia's heroic Young Champions shouted in their dressing room at St George Stadium immediately after Australia had defeated Israel 3-2.

Just minutes before, Australia's magnificent right midfielder, Alex Bundalo, brought down the curtain on the Oceania World Youth elimination tournament.

Seconds before the full-time whistle was blown, Bundalo scored his second goal of the match to send Israel crashing out and take Australia to the Soviet Union in August to battle for Brazil's World Championship.

Australia attacked almost non-stop in the opening session as Israel played cautiously, waiting to catch the undefeated home side on the breaks.

Australia's tall, powerful striker Chris Kalantzis brought the crowd to its feet in the 17th minute with a spectacular diving header, well on target, only to see Israel's goalkeeper, Lavi Kuznizki, dive sharply and hold firmly in mid-air.

Australia kept the pressure up and in the 23rd minute, and with a crowded Israeli penalty area, a 20 metre Bundalo rocket drive ricocheted off the Israeli's cross-bar.

But in fact, it was Israel who hit the front in the 27th minute, when they were awarded a free-kick against Australia's goalkeeper, Paul Jones, for punching the ball clear just outside his box. Israel's crack left-midfielder, Alon Natan, blasted a 20 metre hit from the left, that crashed onto Australia's right post and into the net.

Three minutes later, Australia equalised when Kalantzis met Michael McLennan's free-kick, to head strongly and hit the target.

All hell broke out in the 69th minute as Kalantzis met a Hristodoulou cross from the left flank, smashing his header into the side-netting behind the post, with the Israeli goalkeeper dropping on top of the ball to smother danger, inches off his line.

The Taiwan referee, Mr Chen, looked at his linesman for a signal, and awarded Australia a goal. But the entire Israeli team, led by their goalkeeper and centre-back hotly disputed the "goal."

Mr Chen, after consulting his linesman again, reversed his decision, disallowing the goal. But seconds later, he once again changed his decision as players became involved in heated arguments.

The match was held up for more than six minutes, till eventually Mr Chen finally, and correctly, disallowed the "goal."

No sooner had play restarted than Israel's dangerous marksman, Yaron Cohen, broke away down the right flank and blasted a vicious drive from a sharp angle on to Australia's post. But two minutes later, Australia scored.

Bundalo latched on a partially blocked Peter Petkovski drive, to belt a left footed shot high into the top left corner of the net to put Australia into the lead by 2-1

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

In the remaining dying minutes of the match, Alfred Hitchcock, the master of suspense, couldn't have schemed things better.

Hot-tempered centre-back, Klinger, pushed upfield and smashed home a 15 metre drive to lock up the score at 2-2.

With seconds left on the clock, the brilliant Bundalo, so highly creative during the entire tournament, pounced on a loose ball on the edge of the box. With two defenders in front of him, Bundalo darted forward to crack a low shot into the enemy's goal and score, simultaneously grabbing the air tickets to Russia for Australia.

Man of the match: ALEX BUNDALO for his excellent vision and switch-play and unselfish team-work, topped off with two spectacular goals.

Socceroo ratings

Jones 8
Hooker 8
McLennan 8
Gregson 8 (replaced by
Tobin 45 - 8)

Bernal 9
Bundalo 9
Petkovski 8
Sharpe 8
Panagis 8
Kalantzis 8
Hristodoulou 8



□ ALEX BUNDALO

ROOS GO IT ALONE

Australia.....3 China Taipei.....0

THE Australian front-line swarmed like bees around the hive but they failed to settle down before going on to defeat Chinese Taipei 3-0 in the third round match in the WYC.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

To say that the Young Socceroos should have added at least three or four more goals would perhaps devalue the quick reflexes of goalkeeper Yen-Chung Chen, who could only be blamed for the first goal.

But the plain facts were that the Australian forwards were greedy and that their most dynamic player Chris Kalantzis was the main culprit.

Kalantzis, Hristodoulou and Ingham received good service from Bundalo, Petkovski and

Panagis but, when they had a man in support they invariably went it alone.

The Chinese began to pressurise the Australian defence with their usual cleverness and speed but then the Young Socceroos got on top.

Then in the 28th minute came a through-ball from right-back Robert Hooker. A Bundalo shot rebounded off Chen and John Panagis scored his third goal of the tour-

nament.

Immediately on the resumption Sean Ingham's long cross hit the far upright after Chen had written the ball off by making no attempt to reach it.

The Australians were on top and in the 51st minute Andrew Bernal followed up on a Peter Petkovski header to push his team into a 2-0 lead.

Nine minutes later Hristodoulou showed all the presence of mind in the world to curve a right foot ground shot past Chen after a solo run.

The World

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	5	5	0	0	20	4	10
Israel	5	3	1	1	15	6	7
New Zealand	5	3	0	2	21	9	6
Chinese Taipei	5	1	1	3	9	11	3
Fiji	5	2	0	3	7	12	4
Papua N.G.	5	0	0	5	2	31	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Chris Kalantzis, 7 (Aus).	Darren McClennan, 4 (NZ).
Neil Cave, 5 (NZ).	Phillip Barton, 4 (NZ).
Yaron Cohen, 5 (Isr).	Alon Nathan, 4 (Isr).
Louie Hristodoulou, 4 (Aus).	Moshe Aizenberg, 4 (Isr).

BUNDALO BOOSTER

Australia.....6 PNG.....0

ALTHOUGH striker Chris Kalantzis scored four goals, it was the performance of midfielder Alex Bundalo that stood out in Australia's 6-0 drubbing of Papua New Guinea in the Oceania qualifying series.

Bundalo continued to impress with each performance in the series. His pin-point passing distribution and a quick switch of play has given the side a great deal of variety in attacking movements.

"I'm enjoying each game I play for Australia more and more," Bundalo said.

But Bundalo's contribution in this game didn't stand out to supporters compared with Kalantzis' efforts, and of course any player who can score four goals in an international match thoroughly deserves the accolades.

The young Sydney Olympic striker put Australia ahead in the fourth minute with a cracking first-time shot.

In the 19th minute it was a Kalantzis cross which set up Lou Hristodoulou for Australia's second goal.

In the 25th and 38th minutes, Kalantzis scored two more to send Australia into the break leading 4-0.

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

The Aussies peppered he PNG goal and should have added at least four more goals before Kalantzis made it 5-0 in the 65th minute.

South Melbourne's John Kanesoulis scored his first goal of the series to seal the result in the 77th minute.

Man of the match: ALEX BUNDALO, an outstanding prospect with a great deal of vision and ability to switch play in tight situations.

Socceroo ratings

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Hooker 8
McLennan 7
Bernal 8
Tobin 7
Bundalo 9
Sharpe 7
Panagis 7
Ingham 7
Hristodoulou 7
Kalantzis 9

Socceroo ratings

Jones 8
Hooker 7
McLennan 7
Gregson 7
Bernal 8
Bundalo 7
Panagis 7
Petkovski (replaced by
Kanasoulis 72)
Hristodoulou 7
Kalantzis 7
Ingham 7 (replaced by
Markovac 64)

The Chinese played brightly but lacked weight in tackles

Man of the match: ANDREW BERNAL, who dominated at the back, distributed with ease and collected a goal as well.

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The entire tournament should have been "sold" daily to the Australian public to maximise Australia's home advantage, as well as make money for the ASF's coffers.

The old business adage of "you have to spend a buck to make a buck" still and always will apply.

Soccer is a business today. In fact, overseas, it's an industry.

If an ASF official is big enough to make a statement such as a possible sacking of Shoulder, the ASF should be big enough to cop a blast directed at them for their inferior promotion of this tournament.

Youth Championship Oceania series

A FITTING FINALE

COMMENT: BY NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING, ALAN VEST

THE points are on the board, the flights are booked for Moscow so there can be no argument that Jimmy Shoulder's boys deserved their success.

After their early fright against New Zealand and their torrid but well-deserved win versus Fiji, Australia's two games against Chinese Taipei and Papua New Guinea were a bit low key and uninspiring but they were far too good for their opponents.

The game versus Israel, whilst not a classic, proved to be a fitting finale to the tournament, with that trip to Moscow going to the winners.

After an intriguing game, Australia deserved their win, proving their fitness and organisation was enough to see them through.

There was a clear difference in styles with Israel's short passing game and zone marking in defence to Australia's long ball game and strict man-to-man marking with a sweeper in defence.

This had Israel often caught in bad areas by persisting with short passing, allowing Australia to get into scoring positions when winning the ball.

Australia always looked likely to score from their free-kicks and corners and looked at their most dangerous when they got the ball wide and behind the defence.

The two superb goals by Alex Bundalo finally settled the issue for a well-deserved win.

Looking generally at the overall performance from the team during the tournament it was evident the Australian players were well-organised, fit and ready to give everything for their country.

I still believe we have a lot of work to do to match the top nations in Moscow, but we have the potential to do it.

Every coach has his own ideas and Jimmy's obviously is to play long balls

to Kalantzis and to get the frontmen into positions to run towards the opponent's goal.

I see nothing wrong with this but feel the work now is to get the players to recognise situations when that is on.

There are times when it has to be slowed down and worked forward rather than persisting in playing long balls forward when it is not on.

When we did work the ball wide and got behind the defence we looked a top-class side.

Individual comments

PAUL JONES: Had a fine tournament, never under a lot of pressure but his handling was extremely good and he dealt competently with everything.

ROBBIE HOOKER: Also had a very good and consistent tournament, was rarely beaten but was quick on recovery when he was.

MICHAEL McLENNAN: Consistent throughout and although lacking in physique makes up for it with tenacity.

ANDREW BERNAL: Looked solid in every game, covers well, is good in the air when he has to be and his distribution is excellent.

JOHN GREGSON: Looked happy in the central defence position, used his strength to advantage but his slight injury left him lacking a little pace.

ALEX TOBIN: Not the best of tournaments but will probably fair better against the strong European styles.

ALEX BUNDALO: Started slowly and never really got into the early games but finished the tournament well. His work-rate was excellent and proved in later games he can play as well.



□ ACTION from Australia's 3-2 win over Israel, with Soccerroo stopper John Gregson (right) closing down Israel striker Yaron Cohen.

JOHN PANAGIS: His work-rate was second-to-none, a valuable member of the squad and always capable of drifting in and scoring a vital goal.

PETER PETKOVSKI: Probably suffered by not playing in a more forward position but his vital goal versus New Zealand really counted.

LOUIS HRISTODOULOU: Good sound performance in all the games, deceptive and proved to be effective in all the front-running positions.

CHRIS KALANTZIS: Always exciting

on the ball, looks devastating running at defenders and does some quite brilliant things and always capable of bringing something out of the blue.

SEAN INGHAM: Worked hard and had a lot to do, chased a lot of balls knocked behind full-backs, had his highs and lows but deserved better than some of the critics gave him.

So well done lads, well done Jimmy. This is another boost for Australia in keeping its name in world soccer.



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YOU can always rely on the various soccer bodies to work in harmony . . . or can you?

We received an invitation to a National League cocktail party and press conference to be held last Friday at the Sydney Hilton.

Perhaps the NSL did not know there were three World Youth Championship elimination matches being played at St George Stadium on the same afternoon.

The WYC games started at 4.30 and the press conference at 4pm.

So the soccer writers had to ignore either the NSL press conference or the Fiji v Chinese Taipei match.

That's almost as big a blunder as playing Ampol Cup semi-finals on the opening night of the World Youth Championship.

FULL-BACK Vic Bozanic's transfer from Marconi to Apia Leichhardt still hasn't gone through.

Bozanic, who has a Bondi take-away food place, feels the journey to Marconi for training is too long.

He planned to buy out his contract at Marconi but it seems the price is quite a deterrent.

PENRITH CITY reached the final of the NSW Ampol Cup with a team which included several immature youngsters.

Experienced Roy Cotton, Paul Daley, Ian Wotherspoon, David Fitzharris and Brian Jackson from last year's Penrith squad were all missing.

But skipper Mickey Cross said: "The kids have been great. They listen to what they're told and they work during games."

SYDNEY CITY'S Frank Farina and Jean-Paul de Marigny will be looking forward to the winter months in Sydney this season.

The youngsters are sharing a flat in Bondi and are enjoying the summer months.

"It's great being about five minutes away from the greatest beach in the world," de Marigny said.

"The only problem — aside from the pollution — is the southern end of the beach.

"There sure are a lot of white pointers down there."

YARON COHEN quickly made an impression as a top marksman in the World Youth Championship elimination series.

The Israeli centre-forward rattled in five goals in his first two outings.

Yet Cohen only made the squad as a late selection, having been the despair of coach Nissam Behar because of a lack of dedication.

He certainly looked dedicated enough at St George Stadium.

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SAM PAPASAVAS, chairman of the National League, is expecting mid-season friendly fixtures involving an English and an Italian team to put \$100,000 into the NSL kitty.

That's useful money. Forgive us for being sceptical but we'll be very surprised if the matches turn out quite that profitable.

And what guarantee does Australia have that the star players will travel here with their clubs?

Less than a year ago, the gullible Australian public was assured Manchester United would be here with almost all of their big names.

Over the years there have been too many similar let-downs.

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A PROMINENT NSL club with championship aspirations and heaps of talent in their playing staff, had better straighten up two of their well-known players before the League kicks off next month.

During the pre-season, a midfielder-cum-striker was still blaming the goalkeeper for the team missing out on honours last year.

The goalkeeper heard the remarks and fronted the player.

The midfielder didn't back down, and kept up his criticism for three weeks at training.

Then one night at training the keeper "came off his line" fast and smashed the midfielder in front of the squad.

The club's manager sent both off the pitch and the next day fined them each \$500.

However, the ill-feeling between them is still there, and must surely have an unsettling effect on the squad.

WEST ADELAIDE has signed another midfielder.

He is Mike Genikas, a powerfully-built 22-year-old from the Birkalla club, who will probably be blooded in the Ampol Cup series.

Genikas is West's third signing, following the arrival of forward Gary Price from Croatia (SA) and defender Les Matiscsak from Campbelltown.

Winger Alan Scott has been signed from Azzurri, but now there is a wrangle over his contract with the State League club.

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CHING-YEH Restaurant, in Sydney's Dixon St., was taken over by soccer on the night before Chinese Taipei played Australia in the WYC.

The Taipei team was generously entertained with a typical Taiwanese meal by Punley Yang, the Australian representative of the Taiwan Visitors Association and a director of the Far East Trading Company.

Local soccer was represented by Brian Emery, Rod Woods and David Jack.

After the meal, the guests mingled with hundreds of visitors in Dixon St to watch a traditional lion dance, part of the celebrations of the Chinese New Year.

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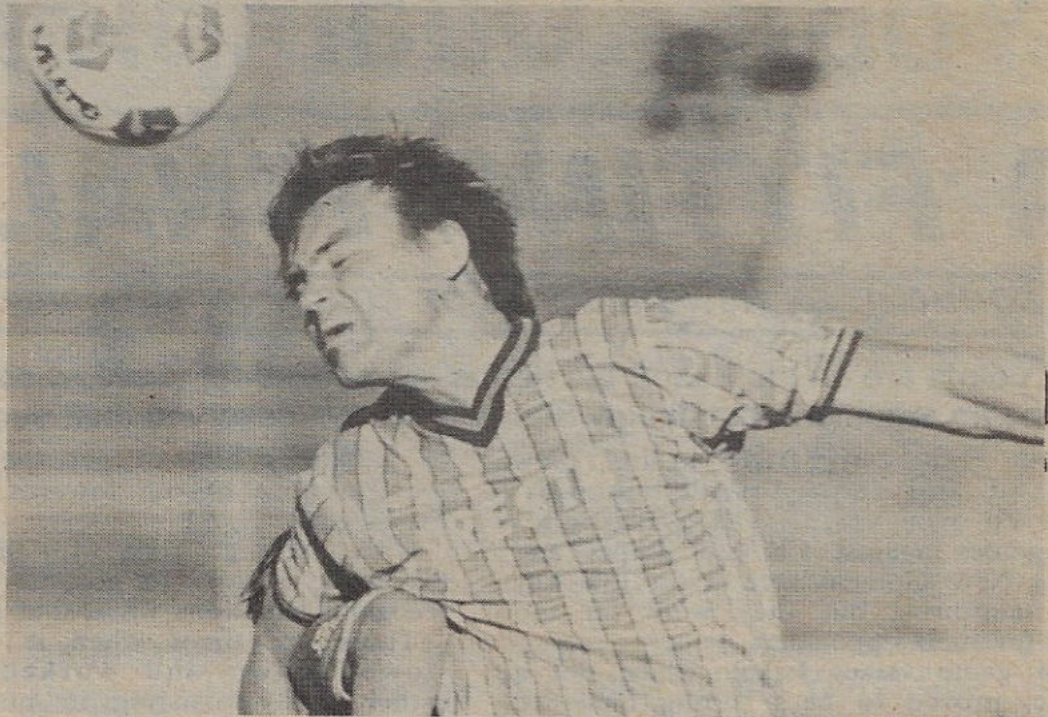
□ RAY VLIETSTRA (right) in action against Peter Sharpe.

SYDNEY CITY boss Eddie Thomson laughed off Canberra's offer of \$6,000 for Socceroo Jimmy Cant.

But Doug Collins, Canberra's coach didn't think it was funny.

"We were offered Cant for \$5,000 last year. Now the player is a year older — and he lives in Canberra," said Collins.

"Sydney City bought the very young and very promising Frank Farina from us for \$8,000, which suggests our \$6,000 offer for Jimmy Cant was perfectly reasonable."



□ JIMMY CANT

BRISBANE LIONS are negotiating to buy Canberra defender Tony Redmond — the brother of striker Phil Redmond who switched to the Queensland club last season.

Redmond has told Canberra coach Doug Collins he wants a move following the return from injury of central defenders Peter Burke and Terry Byrne.

It is understood Canberra have a sizeable transfer fee on Redmond, certainly much more than Lions are willing to pay, but the matter is expected to go to appeal.

With stopper Alan Hunter re-signed for this season and Roddy Vasquez and Steve Jackson capable sweepers, lions certainly aren't desperate for more central defenders, but coach Gordon Arrowsmith believes Redmond will be a good back-up if he can be secured at the right price.

Meanwhile, Phil is still battling to regain his fitness after extensive knee surgery last year.

PROMISING youngster Anthony Lewis may not turn out for Parramatta Melita Eagles after all this year.

Lewis recently asked Melita for a release but was denied one, so as a result he may sit out the season.

After missing nearly an entire season through injuries and other problems let's hope this youngster is not denied the opportunity to display his skills this time round.

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AUSTRALIA fought back well from 1-0 down to defeat New Zealand 2-1 in the opening round of the World Youth Championship qualifying series.

However, for the Australian Youth players who went to Singapore for the Merlion Cup last October, it was a repeat performance of their opening match there.

"Indonesia scored a goal against us but we came back with two goals in the second half to win 2-1," right-back Robbie Hooker said.

FORMER Australian Youth goalie Chris Hummel has received a ribbing over a recent ASW story about his gridiron experience in the US.

Hummel is still positive about his ambitions of going to the US but only as an indoor soccer player.

The Sydney-based player will have to wait till his commitments with Apia Leichhardt, whom he signed for last week, have been completed.

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TOMMY McCULLOCH's dispute over cash with Marconi involves only \$4,000 difference between what he has been offered and what he wants.

A Marconi official says: "There is a principle involved. I'd be happy to pay the money but we have a set budget and cannot make exceptions for one player."

Latest move to try to solve the problem could be for a sponsor to help out.

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WOLLONGONG CITY'S hopes of a good start to the National League season have been shattered with news that key defender Ray Vlietstra will be out of action for eight weeks.

Vlietstra broke a bone in his right leg just above the ankle playing in his team's match against the Australian Youth squad at Balgownie.

Vlietstra was bitterly disappointed at the setback as he feels the team will show a lot of improvement this year.

"After going through all the grind of the pre-season training in the heat it is really sickening to have something like this happen," Vlietstra said.

"We had a bad season in 1984 but I was really looking forward to being part of a big effort from the side this season."

Vlietstra has been a regular observer of the WYC matches at St George Stadium, having toured Singapore with more of the Youth players last October.

PLENTY of people thought the Fijian World Youth Championship squad was a bit of a joke — but not one prominent Sydney club.

We understand an official of the club made a special trip to the Fiji headquarters at the Endeavour Hostel to try to sign one of Fijian youngsters.

Asia and Oceania has not produced many players capable of standing up to the tough soccer encountered in Australia but we recall at least two who were well above average.

Isawadi, captain of Indonesia's national side, was a talented performer with the now-defunct Western Suburbs PSL team and Kim, a Korean, also did well in NSW State League with Sutherland Shire.

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CASEY DE BRUIN was reappointed as coach of Blacktown City last week after resigning 10 days earlier.

While Blacktown City secretary Peter Thorne gave the reason for de Bruin's resignation as "increased business commitments", de Bruin refused to be drawn into public comment on the matter.

ASW understands there was more to it than simply "increased business commitments", but club officials clearly resolved not to air their linen in public.

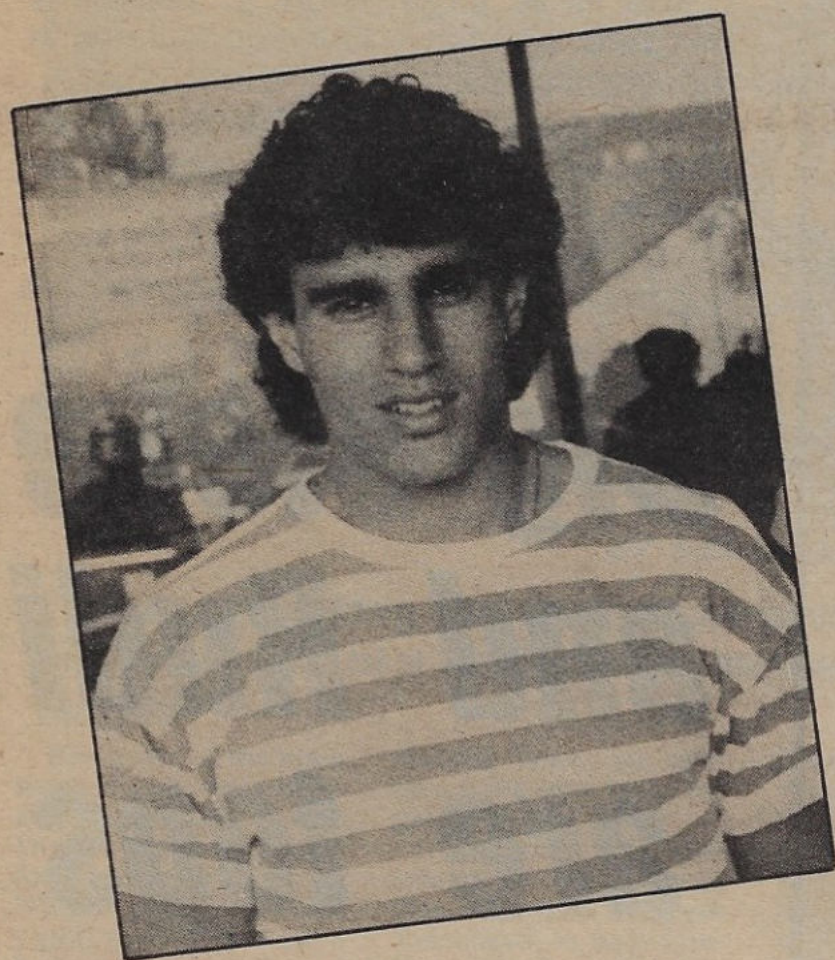
De Bruin is pleased to be able to continue the work he has done with Blacktown over the last two years, and after the Demons' Ampol Cup victory on Sunday, there seems to be a renewed spirit within the Blacktown ranks.

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ALTHOUGH West Adelaide appear certain to have veteran English superstar Frank Worthington for the NSL season, they are still looking for forwards.

After a trip to Melbourne without success, secretary Con Daskalos tried Sydney, but Sydney City wanted too much for Grant Lee and Graeme Fletcher.

Young Soccerroo skipper seeks



UNLIKE its "country" cousins Wollongong and Newcastle, Canberra has yet to produce its own local star in Australian soccer.

Over the years of course Newcastle, in particular, and Wollongong have produced many, however Canberra is still waiting for one of its favoured sons to make it at international level.

Players of the likes of Johnny Davies, Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic, Steve Hogg, Andrew Young and Marko Perinovic all have promised, and in some cases still are promising much, but for one reason or another still have a long way to go.

After watching the recent World Youth Championship, however, that state of affairs promises to change in the very near future thanks to 18-year-old Young Soccerroo skipper Andrew Bernal.

Bernal, born in the Canberra suburb of Ainslie of Spanish parents on May 16, 1966, came to national prominence with his fine individual and leadership displays during the recent series in Sydney.

Skilled, dominant and creative, young Bernal has the on-the-field presence and off-the-field intelligence to become Canberra's first international star.

Bernal is not the type of captain content merely to toss the coin and choose whether to kick-off, run with the wind or whatever, but is, a true skipper in every sense of the word.

Jimmy Shoulder, his coach at the Australian Institute of Sport and the Young Soccerroos, can't speak highly enough of Bernal the player — and Bernal the person.

"He is one of the finest players ever to attend the Institute," says Shoulder of his young skipper.

"He's got everything necessary to succeed in world football."

In the little time I've known him or seen him play, I believe Bernal is the

first true libero or sweeper produced in Australian soccer.

Most carry out the soft defensive duties where, as last man in defence, they sweep or tidy up at the back.

Few, (Doug Utjesenovic of Australia and St George was another) do the other harder part of the job.

And that is being the free or extra man in attack which calls for skill, creativity and the ability to read the game.

Ambitious

Bernal can and does — although he is quick to point out, that for his liking, he did not do it enough in the recent series.

The Young Soccerroo skipper, like most ambitious Australian soccer youngsters, wants to try and crack it in the big time.

"I've got to try it now. I've got to give it a big shot now or it will be too late," says Bernal of his forthcoming trip.

"I'm going to give it 12 months, perhaps two years, and if I

'I've got to give it a big shot now'

don't make it in that time I'll know I'm not good enough.

"Too many players give it a few weeks and, let's face it, you can't break into a highly competitive market like European football in a month or so. They just have so many outstanding other youngsters to choose from."

Despite offers from other European clubs thanks to his impressive performances for the AIS on last year's European tour, Bernal chose Spain's Sporting Gijon for his first attempt.

Opportunity

Spain was the obvious choice — being of Spanish parentage and able to speak the language fluently.

Not so obvious was his choice of little-

known Sporting Gijon over Real Madrid.

"Real Madrid have the best of everything, including kids trying out, and as such I felt Sporting offered me the best opportunity and are paying all my expenses including airfares, accommodation, meals and an allowance, so that's where I'll kick off."

"If things don't work out I'll still go to Real Madrid and the other clubs."

Somewhat unexpectedly, Andrew is the first footballer in the Bernal family.

Although his parents are football fans and have supported him in everything he does, they did not greatly influence his decision to start playing with Belconnen Under 7s in the ACT League.

"Watching the big games, particularly

the World Cup on television perhaps was the main reason for me starting football," says Bernal of his introduction to the game.

He played with Belconnen from U7 till U14, winning rep honours with the various ACT teams as well as the ACT Schoolboys.

Thanks to former South Coast United player and former Canberra Arrows youth coach, Stuart Devlin, who spotted Bernal's talents first, the youngster joined the Arrows' youth squad in 1981 before going on to the AIS in 1982.

In his earlier days, he played midfield and right full-back before becoming the Institute's sweeper and captain — both for the first time — last year.

"I prefer midfield and full-back to

sweeping because you are more involved in the game," he says.

Composure

Bernal sees his defensive qualities as his best asset and the one aspect of his game he would like to improve most is to become more composed on the ball.

"At the moment I'm doing things too quickly, trying to do too many things at once," Bernal says of his game.

Maradona, Briegel and Maceda (Sporting Gijon and national team defender for Spain) are Bernal's three main international idols.

The choice of Maceda no doubt influenced his decision to go to Sporting Gijon in preference to Real Madrid.

Disco type music,

playing a bit of tennis, watching all TV sports and, according to his Young Soccerroo team-mates sitting in when I spoke to him, women are Bernal's main activities apart from football.

Like most youngsters, we wish them well in their overseas experience and hope that they make it.

Success for Bernal in Spain, however, would deprive Australian soccer of yet another outstanding talent.

And in my opinion potentially a great Australian skipper of the future and our first true libero who could fulfil the defensive AND attacking roles that position calls for.

Whatever the outcome, Bernal is well on the way to becoming Canberra's first player to achieve international status.



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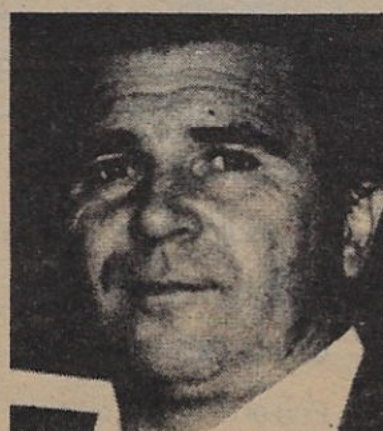
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FERENC PUSKAS, all-time great of world football, will be the special guest of Canberra City Olympians from Tuesday March 19 till Thursday March 21. Puskas needs no introduction to soccer fans and ranks as one of the greatest players of all time.

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□ LEFT: A page from a Japanese magazine with Steve Paterson featured in two photos.

□ BOTTOM OF PAGE: Rudi Gutendorf, who coached Yomiuri to cup and championship honours in 1984.

Big Steve and Rudi are tops in Japan

TWO expatriate Australian soccer identities, former national coach Rudi Gutendorf and former Sydney Olympic striker Steve Paterson, have made history in Japan.

BY TOM ANDERSON

The talented two-some were instrumental in the rich Yomiuri club cleaning up the Japanese scene in 1984 and sweeping all before it to win the coveted double — the league championship and the cup.

Their exploits in coaching and goal-

scoring respectively have put them on top of the hit parade with the Japanese sporting public, and the Yomiuri club has rewarded them with spanking new contracts and huge raises in salaries.

The Yomiuri club is a subsidiary of the

gigantic Yomiuri publishing group, which owns a daily newspaper with circulation of three million, Nippon TV and almost half of Japan!

Apart from marvellous salaries on the European superstar scale, Gutendorf and Paterson have luxuri-

ous club apartments and drive upmarket club cars.

In December, when Liverpool went to Tokyo for the World Club Championship final against Independiente of Argentina, big Stevie was temporarily "signed on" by the English club.

While training with Yomiuri he received a

phone call from the British Embassy requesting him to act as courier and liaison officer for Liverpool during its stay in Tokyo.

The big Scottish highlander has become reasonably fluent in Japanese during his 12 months there and was delighted to help Liverpool see the sights and do a spot of shopping.

Big Steve also became the first Scot and first ex-Australian player to win a Japanese league championship and All-Japan Cup winners' medal.

'Demanding'

"Coming to Japan has been the best thing that ever happened and despite a few moments here and there I get on well with Rudi, which helps a great deal!"

"He's a very demanding coach and demands winning results which we supplied him with, and everything is fine."

The flamboyant Rudi is naturally enjoying every minute of his success in Japan and is being treated as the conquering hero.

And rightly so, for he has taken out three major championships in his 18-month stint in Japan.

Apart from being Japan's leading coach, Gutendorf has also been seconded to Nippon TV as its football expert and will go to the World Cup Finals in Mexico next year in this role.

The 1985 season will be the most important in the history of the powerful Yomiuri club as it defends its league title and the Cup.

The club will also be Japan's representative in the Asian Club Championships and have been drawn against a South Korean club and a club from Macau in the

first round on home-and-away basis.

At present he's back home in Scotland for a three-week holiday, then it's back to Tokyo to prepare for the coming season.

On his return he will sign a new, two-year contract with increased terms.

By phone last week, he told me that he really enjoyed playing in Japan and was looking forward to the coming season.

"It was very hard when I first went there, with the language problem and strange customs," he said.

"Also every club here is only allowed to play three foreign players at a time and there were five of us at Yomiuri — three Brazilians, a Yugoslav and myself."

"The first few months were hard what with the language problem and attempting to establish myself in the team and as a personality in the Japanese sporting community."

"But I got the head down and worked hard and I really have established myself and have been accepted without question by the fans and the media."

There was little doubt about this happening for the big fellow scored the winning goal for his team to win the league championship and then four goals in five cup games, including the all-important winner in the final before a crowd of 65,000 at the Tokyo Olympic Stadium.

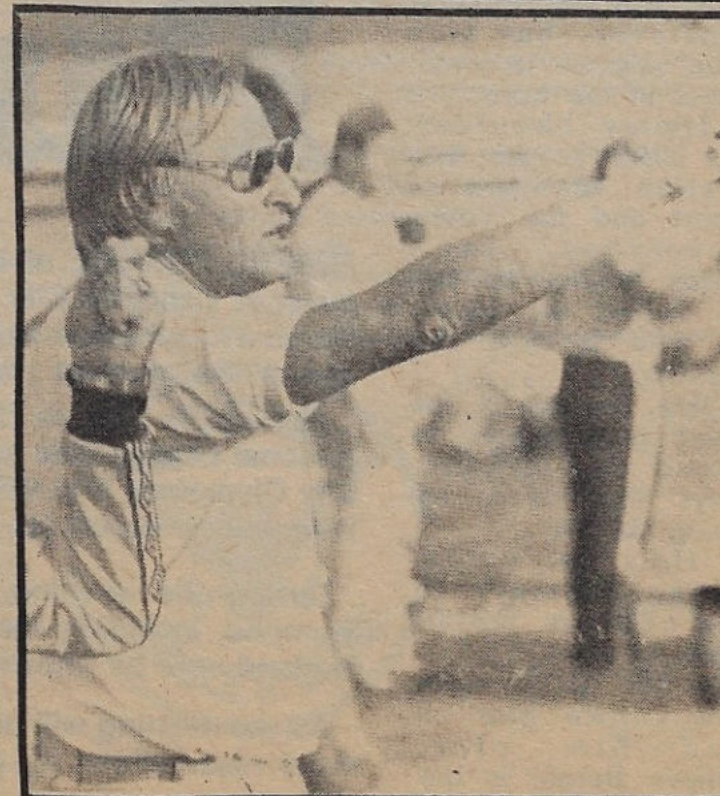
The club will also be Japan's representative in the Japan International Cup in June with top clubs from Asia, Europe and South America taking part.

Soccer is growing in leaps and bounds in Japan and is now the most popular sport played in the schools.

It is tremendous to see two former Australian soccer identities at the top of the tree in the Land of the Rising Sun.

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BAZ AIMS TO PROVE HIS CRITICS WRONG

BY KEN HEALEY

THE most striking striker in Australian soccer! That's Baz Giampaolo, possessor of a golden boot, matinee-idol, good looks and a silver tongue.

Baz is one of the main reasons that unfashionable Queanbeyan club Inter-Monaro has forced its way into the NSL, winning last year's NSW State League.

When the 1985 season kicks off, Baz will be playing for his third NSL team.

In 1980 he was transferred from Monaro to Canberra City in a much-trumpeted \$40,000 package with Walter Valeri. The

striking twins are now re-joining the NSL together again.

After only one season, the electrifying Baz was sold to Apia Leichhardt to help Canberra pay its debts. He was an immediate hit, winning a place in the Socceroo squad that played in New Zealand that year.

The next season, 1982, was even better.

"I had a terrific season, finishing equal top scorer at the club with

Marshall Soper," he recalls.

"My best moment with Leichhardt was beating Heidelberg in the Final of the National Cup. I had a good game that day."

Baz started 1983 at Leichhardt with a bang, but after the third game he was sidelined with a severe pelvis injury.

There is just a trace of bitterness as Baz recalls that time. Not so much because of the in-

jury, but because he let himself be talked into playing on after the pain started.

"The doctor told me to forget about playing for at least six months," he remembers. "I was really annoyed with myself for letting it get so bad."

As is often the case with brilliant strikers, Baz has had more than his share of injury. But he doesn't blame over-zealous defenders.

"In 1981 when I was

in the national team, I blew a hamstring and never really recovered," he claims.

Baz has some philosophical thoughts about injury.

"We are all arrogant about our own injuries. I succumbed to peer pressure and executive pressure and played before I was ready."

"But a body's not like a car, where you can just put in a new spark plug. If you don't rest an injury, it will beat

you."

Leichhardt's bad luck with Baz turned out to be Monaro's good fortune. Maestro Laurie Pastrello, who had recruited Baz from an opposing team as a 16-year-old in 1976, approached the broken-down star and said: "It's now or never for making the National League. Do you want to come and try?"

Giampaolo, Valeri and Billy Willox were signed for the bargain price of \$10,000, a figure that Leichhardt was seeking to double when I spoke to Baz.

"I left Laurie to settle the contract," he says, making it clear that he wants to stay in Queanbeyan, where his public service job and his father's property near Captain's Flat keep him busy off the pitch.

"I did enjoy living in Sydney," he confesses, "but I want to play for Monaro again this season. A mid-table spot would be ideal, and we certainly won't be relegated."

Meteoric

A natural athlete, Baz had represented ACT in all age divisions from Under 12, and had a meteoric rise with Monaro.

"I went straight into the ACT State League in 1976, and we finished runners-up on goal average."

"The next year we made a clean sweep of the local league, and moved up to NSW State League."

"We started with a bang, with rave reviews all over Sydney, but we couldn't maintain the pace, through inexperience and all that bus travel. We finished just outside the top four."

It is now part of local soccer legend in Queanbeyan that Monaro, second last after six rounds, hardly lost a game after that and narrowly lost the League. But they won the Grand Final, largely thanks to the striking twins, Giampaolo and Valeri.

"That was my high-

light with Monaro, but I had a burning ambition to play NSL — I'm not so sure now that it was the right decision." He is talking about the move to Canberra City.

About his reputation for producing brilliance only in spasmodic flashes, Baz is typically honest.

"I just have to live that down, although I must admit that I've been erratic," he says.

"Consistency is the difference between professionals and semi-pros like us. They perform every week, but if you are a striker and only a part-timer you tend to be a erratic."

"I know when I've played badly, but I'd say that last year I did quite well."

Excitement

The excitement of chanting crowds of 7,000 and more at Bruce Stadium in his Canberra City days has long gone, but Baz has not lost his relish for the game. At only 25 he says: "You just keep learning in this game."

He is already looking to the future, specifically in the direction of his younger brother, Tony.

"I rate him as a good player. He's only 17. In a couple of years he'll be ready to show his quality. Anything can happen between the ages of 17 and 19."

Perhaps Baz lacks the supreme ego to be a thorough champion. He certainly doesn't lack the motivation to play an inspired game against his former club, Canberra.

In the final of last year's pre-season Friendship Cup between Monaro and Canberra, Giampaolo was the best player on the park. He laid on Monaro's first goal and scored the second for a 2-2 result and a win on goal difference after Monaro had been down 0-2.

The first League round on March 10 between the two teams will supply the challenge that Baz needs to do it all again.

Injuries have taken toll on Inter Monaro's star striker



□ BAZ pictured in a match with the Socceroos



□ BAZ GIAMPAOLO is tackled by Gerry Gomez in one of his last games for Leichhardt.

JEFFERY JOINS AVALA

BY FRANK COLETTA

GLEN JEFFERY seems to be one of the hottest properties in NSW State League this year.

The feelers from Avala were out early as the Serbian-backed club searched for a proven and fearless goalscorer.

Avala manager Jack Cirjanic said Jeffery's transfer from Ku-ring-gai went through late last week, with Avala paying \$4,000 for his services.

Ku-ring-gai coach Denis Ford was resigned to losing Jeffery.

"I have only the highest praise for him," Ford said.

"He is definite potential for the National League. I suppose I should know too as he started his career with me at Gladesville Ravens in the Second Division of the NSW Federation.

"He is a very dangerous forward who takes people on."

Jeffery's move to Avala will reunite him with the effervescent and likeable Scot Vic Dalglish, who coached the young

frontman at Ku-ring-gai last year.

"He is the type of player we have been searching for all along — a big, strong and fearless striker who will take on defenders and knows where the goal is," said Dalglish.

"We were knocked out of the Ampol Cup because we couldn't finish but now we have a goalscorer

"He proved his worth to us in the first round of the pre-



□ GLEN JEFFERY

season series when he scored against Manly in our 2-1 win. He is just what our forward-line needs."

Ku-ring-gai want semi-final berth

BY FRANK COLETTA

EXPERIENCED Englishman Denis Ford is the man in charge of Ku-ring-gai this year and although the club finished a commendable sixth last season Ford is looking to a semi-final berth.

To strengthen an already talented squad, Ku-ring-gai has brought back to the club local boy and former Artarmon midfielder Lee Sutherland.

"I'm very impressed by him. He has set himself a high standard and is looking to achieve something," says Ford.

"Also we are after the services of Mark Nyle and Greg Farrell both from Gladesville. Brian Ellem is on loan to us and he is quite useful, a player

who has made a big impact on this side and was in fact trialing with the much-vaunted Australian Youth squad last year."

Unfortunately for Ku-ring-gai, young Glen Jeffery has departed the scene and is now at Vic Dalglish's Avala. Ford has only the highest praises for the talented striker.

"His departure will certainly affect us; it was an unfortunate loss because a striker of his calibre is hard to find."

With all this news it will be heartening for Ku-ring-gai fans to learn that last term's skipper Terry Bertram and deputy Allan Bourke have been retained and will provide necessary experience and stability.

"Our sights are firmly set on a top-four position and the fellows have shown me their eagerness in training which means a great deal. It is the same old story really, if you work hard you will reap the rewards."

On the question of the club's organisation, taking into account the committee, staff, and facilities, Ford says: "These facets have taken a 'so far so good' look up till now, so I guess you can't ask for much more."

"The early form of my side has not set the world on fire admittedly, but they have been encouraging to a certain extent."

"But, as you know, we haven't won many games. We went down to Manly in the Ampol Cup and they went on to do reasonably well and in the first round of the pre-season series we had a draw."

"In short I am not losing any sleep over these early results."

Looking at Denis Ford's qualifications, one has to agree that Ku-ring-gai can be expected to perform.

He has filled several positions since arriving in Australia in 1975. They include ASF director of coaching in Tasmania, a similar position in Queensland, coach of Brisbane City, coach of Gladesville Ravens and last year he was assistant to Casey de Bruin with Blacktown City.

All that is quite impressive but Ford says: "We have no money for the purchase of players but the staff and committee are doing all that can be asked."

"Other clubs started training before Christmas which is utterly ridiculous; their players will peak much too early while mine will peak at the right moment."

The class of this side is obvious and was demonstrated in the week past, when it drew 2-2 with a Sydney City team at full strength containing internationals such as Kosmina, Farina and company.

'SKILL FACTOR WON'T BE LOST'

BY FRANK COLETTA

FORMER Australian Combined Universities coach, Rob Harbour, is adamant that Bankstown National will lift themselves out of the doldrums and away from internal hassles this year and moreover be very competitive.

Second-last position is nothing to be proud of and Bankstown are out to set the records straight and show that last year was a once-in-a-lifetime flop.

Harbour begins with the player's under him for this term.

"The playing staff is undecided at the moment, everything is literally up in the air. I cannot say that I will be buying a certain player or two because of the sad want of money."

"Truthfully it is very difficult because obviously money speaks volumes and we have none to do any talking for us!"

"So far it is last year's squad with the addition of goalie Don Smith. Gone are Steve Blackburn to Rockdale, Roy Agostino because of work commitments and Steve Giffin to Melita."

"The club has the nucleus of a good side and with a few

extra players, we could cause a few surprises here and there."

"Discipline, that is the one thing I am looking to instil into these fellows, to do certain things at certain times. It is no use scoring a hatful of goals and still wind up on the losing side. If we get a good lead we are going to defend it, mark my words."

Then it can be seen as a case of walking before you run?

"Very true, in this game you have to stop goals before you can score them. See, this side has tremendous natural skills and the last thing I wish to do is curb and rid them of this. But discipline is a main objective."

Are there players your fans can look forward to entertaining them and pushing for honours such as the Rothmans Medal?

"Jim Meerbani, Peter Hassan and

Badith Hammond are the ones to stand out: there are one or two others however."

What sort of players are these three and where do they play?

"They are skilful, fullstop! Meerbani especially. He is NSL material if I ever saw it, yet all of them have undisputed flair."

"Meerbani for instance is only 22 but has so many great attributes, a superb tackle, great shot and much more."

"He is essentially a defender but I may move him into the midfield if need be. There his skills would flower."

"Fitness and training have got to improve. We need experienced players to control the others."

"We have had a late start (in comparison to the others) in training but this for mine is a good thing not at all detrimental."

"If a player gets injured early on he loses his fitness as quickly as he got it. So at the moment I still have my team on long distance stuff. We haven't touched the short stuff yet."

"Other clubs started training before Christmas which is utterly ridiculous; their players will peak much too early while mine will peak at the right moment."

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LET'S BRIGHTEN UP THE CUP

COMMENT: BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE NSW Ampol Cup will have to be entirely revamped for 1986.

Under this year's knockout format, the crowd-pulling clubs were allowed to KO each other with gay abandon, leading to a completely unnecessary devaluation of this long-standing competition.

In addition it lacked promotion. No sport these days has a God-given right to succeed — everything has to be earned.

Clubs from the State League such as Rockdale Ilinden, Avala and Parramatta Melita have good reason to hold their heads high.

But if objectives are to be realised it could be far better to run the Ampol Cup in two separate divisions.

Objectives

What should the Ampol Cup objectives be?

The main aims should include entertain-

ing the public, providing top-class practice for the clubs for the season ahead, maximising cash return to the clubs, and giving top exposure to the sponsors.

Night games on main grounds with suitable lighting should be utilised as they create a different atmosphere to the NSL and State League competitions.

These are more appropriate to the summer and early autumn weather. Where floodlighting is unavailable then games must be scheduled as late in the afternoon as possible.

Careful seeding is another vital factor in the mix. The unexpected results will always turn up but, by using a rounds robin format, these will be evened out.

Apart from the grounds used this year, King Tomislav Park, Lambert Park and Gabbie Stadium must come into use next season.

Although Parramatta City is no longer in State League, consideration should be given to re-introducing Garside Park as a regular

venue.

Garside Park is centrally located for many clubs and would suit many of the fans down to the ground.

Round-robin

In 1986 the Ampol Cup should be on a round-robin format to ensure that every club receives at least five games.

If four six-team divisions are conducted, we should see a strong build-up to quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final.

Under an "A" (NSL) and "B" (State League) system, a decision would have to be made as to whether quarter-finals should be dropped.

The Pindari tournament at St George Stadium provided plenty of entertainment for the fans.

It drew some flack from officialdom because it is selective and restricted to four clubs.

In this reason it should be dispensed

with, provided that a brighter Ampol Cup replaces it.

Canberra City and Newcastle Rosebud must be added into the NSW Ampol Cup, with home games featured against crowd-pulling clubs.

Profits

Charges for administrative and ground costs must be minimised so that profits are at their proper level. If State Federation charges are too high then the clubs suffer.

As 1985 stood, the NSL clubs gained little pre-season exposure or income. At the same time they pay substantial affiliation fees in return.

The State League clubs were permitted to run a separate pre-season competition. Where did the NSL clubs stand?

If lessons have been learnt — and they should have been long ago — then the 1986 Ampol Cup can once again become a big, bright event.



BY **MIKE
JOHNSON**

Thorne directs Demons' future

PETER THORNE'S Blacktown City is a thermometer which can be used to test the health of Australian soccer.

Blacktown is a fairly recently formed district club which is basing its strategy for survival on local, multi-national spectator support whilst trying to develop its own players.

Peter Thorne, Blacktown social club executive and dominant figure in the soccer team management, is the heart and mind of the club.

His heart fervently seeks a completely Australian image for his club, whilst his mind knows that such clubs are not unique and that most of them fail, or at best achieve only modest success.

However, he has one major asset on his side which most other district clubs do not have.

That is money.

Prosperity

The Blacktown social club has had consistently high profit margins — with Thorne playing a significant role in its prosperity.

This social club cash has enabled the club, in little more than a decade, to develop its own soccer arena and training fields.

Thorne states that Australian soccer will fail if Blacktown City fails.

He knows that his club has done many things right in its short existence.

It promotes the game in its local area, has employed well-qualified coaches, developed its well-publicised junior scheme and offered a reasonable standard of play.

He is aware that the game may exist on its ethnic clubs, but that it cannot prosper until the mass of the population are prepared to accept and watch our soccer.

When Blacktown was relegated to the State League and its crowds slumped it did appear the club was heading the same way as the likes of Auburn and Bankstown of Federation soccer.

However, it has recovered due to the restructuring of the Leagues and now is seeking to force its way up among the elite.

The success of any organisation usually depends on one or perhaps two key men who combine the management and technical skills needed for their particular activity.

In soccer sometimes these qualities are combined in the one man and you can get the success that Rale Rasic brought to Marconi and Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson are bringing to St George and Sydney City respectively.

We have to acknowledge that Thomson and Arok are not without support, though Saints made some hairy management decisions before Arok arrived to pick up the pieces, whilst Thomson has survived the break-up of the Sydney City management team.

Peter Thorne is new to professional soccer and this has shown in some of his statements and some decisions.

His remark about having a complete team of Blacktown-developed players was not a practical proposition.

The young "super squad", which was to implement that scheme, has since been substantially re-modelled.

Nevertheless, he is a man of drive and vision, who has provided new energy and initiative to the game, when it desperately needed it.

If Thorne retains his enthusiasm for the game and holds fast to the ideals and vision he has for it, he will become a tremendous influence in directing the future fortunes of soccer in Australia. I wish him well.

The highly successful neighbouring Parramatta rugby league team has pointed the way and sown the seeds of expectation.

LARKIN'S LAST MINUTE WINNER

BY BRAD EARL

Blacktown2 Penrith1

A LAST minute goal by 21-year-old striker John Larkin gave Blacktown City their first major trophy, the 1985 NSW Ampol Cup, when they defeated Penrith City 2-1 at St George Stadium.

Larkin was the two-goal hero for the Demons as they fought back from a one-goal deficit in the second half.

Blacktown captain Cliff Pointer failed a pre-match fitness test, which meant Tony Rasmussen joined Robbie Wheatley in central defence and Ian Shaw came in at left-back.

The match was spoiled by the strong downfield wind, which was at Blacktown's back in the first half.

Penrith's David Hale was a victim of the high-spirited, aggressive nature of the match when he was carried off on a stretcher in the 27th minute.

Hale tore ligaments in his left knee, with his place in midfield taken by another Penrith teenager, Dave Carboni.

Blacktown placed greater pressure on the Penrith defence after this incident, but both sides went in scoreless at half-time.

It took the Panthers just two minutes of the second half to open the scoring when sweeper Jeff Ainsworth blasted a penalty kick into the net after a foul on Ian Hunter by Shaw.

However, Penrith conceded a penalty in the 69th minute when Blacktown striker John Bradley went down following a challenge by McIntosh. Bradley appeared to make the most of the challenge, with the ball headed for the goal-line.

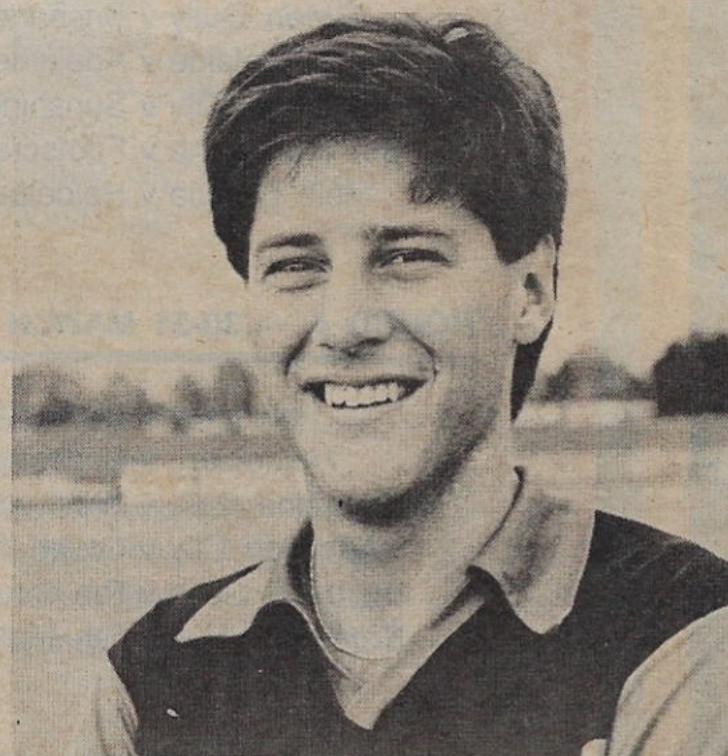
Larkin slammed the ball past Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson to bring the Demons back in the match.

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Manly v Bankstown — both postponed

Round 4 — March 3, 1985
Manly v Cant-M'ville
Sunday Melita Stadium 2.30pm, Avala v Melita
Sunday Melita Stadium 4pm, Rockdale Ilinden v Polonia
Sunday Seymour Shaw Pk 2.30pm, Sutherland v Fairy Meadow
Sunday Seymour Shaw Pk 4pm, Uruguay v Bankstown
National Sunday Parklea 2.30pm, Ku-ring-gal v Warringah
Sunday Parklea 4pm.



□ **ROBBIE WHEATLEY:** stand-in captain.

With the match seemingly heading into extra-time, Steve Knight's shot on the left side of the box was blocked by McIntosh but Larkin pounced to score the winning goal for Blacktown.

Man of the match: Blacktown's stand-in captain **ROBBIE WHEATLEY** appropriately took much of the defensive responsibility in an unaccustomed centre-back role.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Cross, Ainsworth, McIntosh; Nix, Toohey, Hale (Carboni 27); Hunter, Easthorpe, Shute.
BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Skellern, Shaw, Wheatley, Rasmussen; Thornthwaite, Hormazabal, Knight; O'Connor, Bradley, Larkin.

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ROUND 1 — 9-10 MARCH 1985

Sunshine G.C. v Heidelberg Utd	—
Footscray v Preston	—
Sth Melbourne v Green Gully	—
West Adelaide v Brunswick U.J.	—
Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions	—
Melb Croatia v Adelaide City	—

ROUND 2 — 16-17 MARCH 1985

Heidelberg Utd v Footscray	—
Preston v Sth Melbourne	—
Brunswick U.J. v Green Gully	—
Brisbane Lions v West Adelaide	—
Adelaide City v Brisbane City	—
Sunshine G.C. v Melb. Croatia	—

ROUND 3 — 23-24 MARCH 1985

Preston v Brunswick U.J.	—
Green Gully v Brisbane Lions	—
West Adelaide v Adelaide City	—
Brisbane City v Sunshine G.C.	—
Sth Melbourne v Footscray	—
Melb Croatia v Heidelberg Utd	—

ROUND 4 — 30-31 MARCH 1985

Footscray v Melb. Croatia	—
Heidelberg v Brisbane City	—
Sunshine G.C. v West Adelaide	—
Adelaide City v Green Gully	—
Brisbane Lions v Preston	—
Brunswick U.J. v Sth Melbourne	—

ROUND 5 — 6-7 APRIL 1985

West Adelaide v Heidelberg Utd	—
Brisbane City v Melb. Croatia	—
Sth Melbourne v Brisbane Lions	—
Preston v Adelaide City	—
Green Gully v Sunshine G.C.	—
Brunswick U.J. v Footscray	—

ROUND 6 — 13-14 APRIL 1985

Footscray v Brisbane City	—
Melb. Croatia v West Adelaide	—
Heidelberg Utd v Green Gully	—
Sunshine G.C. v Preston	—
Adelaide City v Sth Melbourne	—
Brisbane Lions v Brunswick U.J.	—

ROUND 7 — 20-21 APRIL 1985

Brunswick U.J. v Adelaide City	—
Sth Melbourne v Sunshine G.C.	—
Brisbane Lions v Footscray	—
Preston v Heidelberg Utd	—
Green Gully v Melb Croatia	—
West Adelaide v Brisbane City	—

NORTHERN DIVISION

Leichhardt v Wollongong City	—
Sydney Croatia v Marconi	—
Newcastle R.U. v Sydney Olympic	—
Penrith City v St George	—
Inter-Monaro v Canberra City	—
Sydney City v Blacktown City	—

Wollongong City v Sydney Croatia	—
Marconi v Newcastle R.U.	—
St George v Sydney Olympic	—
Canberra City v Penrith City	—
Blacktown City v Inter-Monaro	—
Leichhardt v Sydney City	—

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Blacktown City v Sydney Oly	—
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Canberra City v Sydney Croatia	—
Marconi v Wollongong City	—
Sydney Olympic v Sydney City	—
Penrith City v Inter-Monaro	—

ROUND 8 — 27-28 APRIL 1985

Adelaide City v Brisbane Lions	—
Sunshine G.C. v Brunswick U.J.	—
Heidelberg Utd v Sth Melbourne	—
Melb Croatia v Preston	—
Brisbane City v Green Gully	—
Footscray v West Adelaide	—

ROUND 9 — 4-5 MAY 1985

Brisbane Lions v Sunshine G.C.	—
Green Gully v West Adelaide	—
Sth Melbourne v Melb. Croatia	—
Brunswick U.J. v Heidelberg Utd	—
Preston v Brisbane City	—
Adelaide City v Footscray	—

ROUND 10 — 11-12 MAY 1985

West Adelaide v Preston	—
Footscray v Green Gully	—
Melb Croatia v Brunswick U.J.	—
Brisbane City v Sth Melbourne	—
Sunshine G.C. v Adelaide City	—
Heidelberg Utd v Brisbane Lions	—

ROUND 11 — 18-19 MAY 1985

Sunshine G.C. v Footscray	—
Preston v Green Gully	—
Sth Melbourne v West Adelaide	—
Brunswick U.J. v Brisbane City	—
Brisbane Lions v Melb Croatia	—
Adelaide City v Heidelberg Utd	—

ROUND 12 — 25-26 MAY 1985

Heidelberg Utd v Sunshine G.C.	—
Preston v Footscray	—
Green Gully v Sth Melbourne	—
Brunswick U.J. v West Adelaide	—
Brisbane Lions v Brisbane City	—
Adelaide City v Melb Croatia	—

ROUND 13 — 1-2 JUNE 1985

Footscray v Heidelberg Utd	—
Sth Melbourne v Preston	—
Green Gully v Brunswick U.J.	—
West Adelaide v Brisbane Lions	—
Brisbane City v Adelaide City	—
Melb Croatia v Sunshine G.C.	—

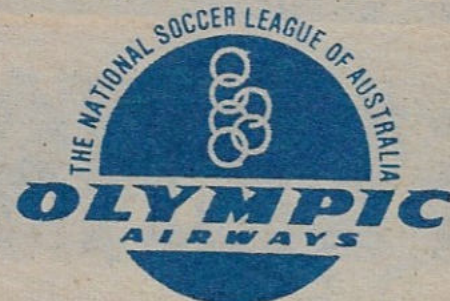
ROUND 14 — 8-9 JUNE 1985

Brunswick U.J. v Preston	—
Brisbane Lions v Green Gully	—
Adelaide City v West Adelaide	—
Sunshine G.C. v Brisbane City	—
Footscray v Sth Melbourne	—
Heidelberg Utd v Melb Croatia	—

ROUND 15 — 15-16 JUNE 1985

Melb Croatia v Footscray	—
Brisbane City v Heidelberg Utd	—
West Adelaide v Sunshine G.C.	—

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE DRAW



Blacktown City v Canberra City
Leichhardt v St George
Wollongong City v Newcastle R.U.
Sydney City v Marconi
Inter-Monaro v Sydney Oly
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Inter-Monaro v Wollongong C.
Penrith City v Leichhardt

Green Gully v Adelaide City
Preston v Brisbane Lions
Sth Melbourne v Brunswick U.J.

ROUND 16 — 22-23 JUNE 1985

Heidelberg Utd v West Adelaide
Melb Croatia v Brisbane City
Brisbane Lions v Sth Melbourne
Adelaide City v Preston
Sunshine G.C. v Green Gully
Footscray v Brunswick U.J.

ROUND 17 — 29-30 JUNE 1985

Brisbane City v Footscray
West Adelaide v Melb. Croatia
Green Gully v Heidelberg Utd
Preston v Sunshine G.C.
Sth Melbourne v Adelaide City
Brunswick U.J. v Brisbane Lions

ROUND 18 — 6-7 JULY 1985

Adelaide City v Brunswick U.J.
Sunshine G.C. v Sth Melbourne
Footscray v Brisbane Lions
Heidelberg Utd v Preston
Melb. Croatia v Green Gully
Brisbane City v West Adelaide

ROUND 19 — 13-14 JULY 1985

Brisbane Lions v Adelaide City
Brunswick U.J. v Sunshine G.C.
Sth Melbourne v Heidelberg Utd
Preston v Melb. Croatia
Green Gully v Brisbane City
West Adelaide v Footscray

ROUND 20 — 20-21 JULY 1985

Sunshine G.C. v Brisbane Lions
West Adelaide v Green Gully
Melb. Croatia v Sth Melbourne
Heidelberg Utd v Brunswick U.J.
Brisbane City v Preston
Footscray v Adelaide City

27-28 July, and 3-4 August set aside for proposed international series.

ROUND 21 — 10-11 AUGUST 1985

Preston v West Adelaide
Green Gully v Footscray
Brunswick U.J. v Melb. Croatia
Sth Melbourne v Brisbane City
Adelaide City v Sunshine G.C.
Brisbane Lions v Heidelberg Utd

ROUND 22 — 17-18 AUGUST 1985

Footscray v Sunshine G.C.
Green Gully v Preston
West Adelaide v Sth Melbourne
Brisbane City v Brunswick U.J.
Melb. Croatia v Brisbane Lions
Heidelberg Utd v Adelaide City

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STENSON STARS IN BRISBANE

BY GREG RUSSELL

A PLAYER who came to Queensland originally for a holiday has grabbed the limelight in pre-season competition in Brisbane.

Jed Stenson, a former apprentice with English First Division leaders Everton, has been a sensation with Brisbane City in Silver Boot pre-season tournament matches at Richlands.

Already Stenson, who came to Brisbane from Victorian State League club Western suburbs, has caught the eye of Queensland coach Bruce Stowell.

"He has played well

in his two games for City and is up to state standard," Stowell said.

Stenson, 24, is carrying a \$7,500 transfer fee, but Stowell has urged City to sign the nippy and skilful striker "irrespective of the price."

Stenson scored only five goals last season for Western suburbs, but his style suggests he created many more for his team-mates. And

Stenson says Brisbane has not yet seen his best.

"I'm not fit yet but I'm really enjoying myself," he said.

While City is still to finalise their offer for Stenson, the negotiation is not the only hitch the club must overcome before getting their new hope on the Spencer Park books.

City is fast running short of visa spots and the club probably will have to de-register Scotsman Frank Liddell to make way for Stenson.

City already has signed Andy Hodgson, a visa player, and are awaiting the arrival of Brazilian Roberto Lettieri.

Liddell is the club's other visa player, but as he refuses to return to Australia until he is offered a new contract, City look set to let him stay there. Liddell's re-entry visa expired last weekend anyway.

"If he comes back we will sell him. If he stays in Scotland we won't worry about him," Ciavarella said.

City are also close to signing Canberra's Alan Reis, who has had a job transfer to Brisbane.

After a slow start

Reis hit form in a recent trial match and City coach Tony Lowndes is looking for the youngster to form a striking partnership with Stenson.

Reis is carrying a \$6,200 price tag, but with Luciano Fabrizio switching to Canberra last week there seemed little doubt City would finalise some kind of swap-cash deal.

Reis and Stenson spearheaded a 3-1 win over Premier League grand finalists Ipswich United last week.

"Jed and I have the same style and we can see ourselves combining well up-front," Reis said.

The result over Ipswich helped roost sagging spirits and confidence is the City camp.

"We have a team better than last year. We don't want prima donnas and what we have now is a side of youngsters who are prepared to give everything," Ciavarella said.

"Ipswich United humiliated us in the XXXX competition last year and now we have turned the tables. Things are looking good."

Pimblett won't go back now

QUEENSLAND and Brisbane City captain Frank Pimblett is likely to sit out this season after being suspended by his club for not attending pre-season training.

Pimblett, who has played 197 NSL games for the Gladiators, was stunned and angered when City outed him for two NSL fixtures and a further games for each extra week he failed to front at Spencer Park.

The suspension came amid allegations from City officials that Pimblett's presence at trial games was "upsetting" the other players. He was also accused of "making jokes" about City after a recent trial game.

Pimblett, who had been unhappy with City's early reluctance to strengthen last year's squad, was considering a temporary retirement but had been close to reversing that decision and had been expected to resume training within days.

But the suspension, which the midfielder learned of only through newspaper reports, re-opened the rift which appeared to be healing.

"I can't believe their decision. I at least expected a telephone call before this year. If I hadn't been interested I would not have attended their last couple of matches."

"But I won't be playing for them this year."

"It was a flimsy reason to suspend me. It was amateurish because my contract has expired with the club and nothing says I have to train with them."

YOUNG STAR TO MISS KICK-OFF

QUEENSLAND Youth team player Lindsay Dines will miss the start of this season with a knee injury.

Dines, who was one of the stars of the Queensland side at the Under 16 titles last year, has had an operation to remove his right knee cartilage.

He has seen troubled by the knee for some months.

Dines spearheaded North Star's exciting Premier League challenge last season. They just missed out on the semi-finals but won the Ampol Cup.

The youngster's bold showing at the national championships and with North Star earned him an invitation to join the Institute of Sport in Canberra, but he declined the offer.

"I'm happy with North Star and enjoy the coaching methods of state coach Bruce Stowell. I thought the coach-

ing here would be as good as down there," he said.

Dines is getting good guidance at North Star. Coach is former Lions National League player and Grange Thistle State League fill back Iain Fagan, while last year's team included former NSL Player of the Year Jim Hermiston and former Lions and City player and coach George Potter.

Although Potter has retired this season, stars have filled his place by signing former Lions and Ipswich midfielder Gerry Lindsay.

Fagan has also lured former Queensland Youth keeper Bobby Vuksan from Pine Rovers and is trailing Easts keeper Noel Lord.

The Queensland soccer pre-season

has slowed to a near standstill due to the crippling power strikes.

The XXXX pre-season tournament, which was launched with great fanfare a fortnight ago, had its opening night cancelled.

Later rounds were also affected and some clubs now face up to three games in a week as QSF officials attempt to overcome the backlog.

The Lions Silver Boot competition also needed to be re-scheduled and the semi-finals and finals were played on consecutive days last weekend. As expected, NSL sides Brisbane City and Lions plus Premier League sides Acacia Ridge and Lions battled with each other for the prizemoney.

Rivalry sparked by cup revival

BY GREG RUSSELL

AFTER a break of nearly a decade, the annual Kruger Cup competition between Brisbane and Ipswich will be played this season.

QSF boss Ian Brusasco said 1985 would be the biggest representative year in the history of Queensland soccer.

The Brisbane-Ipswich clash will be staged at Bundamba on March 31 and will be a lead-in to Queensland's annual Perry Park match with New South Wales, on April 25.

And after that match a Maroon squad will be selected by state coach Bruce Stowell to make a 10-day tour of Fiji, which will include three matches.

Brusasco hopes to cap the year's programme by hosting an Australia-China match later in the year.

The QSF have chosen former Australian representative and Brisbane City player Ian Johnston as the Ipswich coach and former Mount Gravatt Premier League coach and present assistant state coach Fred Robins as the Brisbane mentor.

Robins has predicted a bruising encounter with Ipswich and said he would be selecting a side "which could take the knocks."

"I don't believe in strongarm tactics but however you play, Ipswich teams just steamroll through. They're not dirty, it's just their reputation to keep coming at you," Robins said.

"With that in mind I will have to pick strong and fit players who are prepared to take the knocks. To select anyone else would be to put them at the risk of getting an injury which could last the season."

Robins is well qualified to make his assessment of the revived Kruger Cup clash. He has coached Brisbane and Ipswich sides in previous clashes in the early 1970's and tasted success and failure.

Robins also totally dismissed criticism from some quarters that he was out of touch with the Premier League, which will exclusively provide players for the Cup clash.

"It is amazing what some people will say. Just because I am not with a Premier League club does not mean I don't know the players," Robins said.

Johnston will be able to select only those players registered with Ipswich clubs. Ipswich has only two Premier League sides (Coalstars and Ipswich United) to Brisbane's eight.

The selection criteria varies slightly from the one used for the original Kruger Cup teams which were picked on a residential basis. But the QSF now believes population shifts would now give Brisbane a far stronger team than Ipswich, and more importantly, a large number of players in Ipswich teams live in Brisbane.

"I can't see why Ipswich won't give Brisbane a run for their money," he said.



□ IAN JOHNSTON

KEEPER MAY JOIN DAVO AT FOREST

ANOTHER Australian could join Soccerroo Alan Davidson at Nottingham Forest.

Queensland Premier League goalkeeper Stuart Woodruffe, from Mount Gravatt, has just returned from a trial with the English First Division club.

And according to the 21-year-old, the door is open for his return.

Woodruffe trained with Forest for a month.

"I could have stayed on longer than the four weeks but it was my first visit to England and I wanted to see some of the country as well."

"To stay at the club meant training nearly every day. I wouldn't have seen much more than Nottingham."

Woodruffe trained under Forest keeper coach Alan Hill, and worked out alongside first team players Steve Sutton and Hans Seagars.

He didn't play for the club during the stay as it wasn't until his last day at the City Ground that Forest officials realised he had a clearance from Mount Gravatt.

"They trained me well and it was worth every minute," Woodruffe said.

Woodruffe is now eyeing National League football before a possible return to England. But any move could pose problems for Woodruffe, who is valued by his club at \$20,000.

MARCONI ACT ON 'REBELS'

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI have transfer-listed Tommy McCulloch and John Spanos after both players failed to agree to terms for the 1985 season.

McCulloch, an international midfielder, and Spanos, a utility player, are available at \$30,000 and \$10,000 respectively.

For the first time in the club's history, Marconi wiped out all signing-on fees this year.

They are the fifth NSL club to adopt such drastic financial measures this season.

Soccer clubs have suffered badly in the last decade, seeing their gate incomes drop away alarmingly, whilst player demands have skyrocketed.

Marconi chairman Ron Cavagnino said: "We just had to do something sooner or later to bring some sanity to our football income and expenditure account."

"We have increased all our winning bonuses and added further incentives for our players if they get the club into the top-five series at the end of the season."

"What could be fairer than that?" said Cavagnino.

"We have also cut back the size of our NSL squad to about 14. If we have any injuries, then we will call up from our Youth League reserves to give young players a go."

"We have to bring some sort of stability to soccer, and show encouragement to our youth in a manner that they will be able to see some light at the end of the tunnel," Cavagnino concluded.

With a desire to play professionally in England, McCulloch has become somewhat restless.

First it was a short stint with Southampton in 1983 then last October Wolverhampton manager Tommy Docherty, desperate for players, approached McCulloch but nothing eventuated.

McCulloch, who is unemployed, was offered a job at Marconi's social club to supplement his football income, but he declined.

A Marconi director told ASW: "We sympathise with Tommy wanting a much higher total income, but he doesn't realise that he cannot achieve the level of earnings he wants in Australia from just playing football."

When final negotiations collapsed last week, McCulloch immediately asked to be placed on transfer.

"This we have done, reluctantly, and we told Tommy that he would always be welcomed at Marconi, and we are sorry to lose him," the Marconi director said.

Marconi has automatic cover for the left side of midfield with the purchase of Peter Tredinnick from Apia Leichhardt.

Marconi paid out a bargain \$10,000 for "Treds" after it was revealed he had a ceiling figure locked into his contract.

Meanwhile, Spanos, who has had trouble getting time off from work to get to Marconi's training



□ TOMMY McCULLOCH



□ JOHN SPANOS

sessions, has been given permission to trial with Eddie Thomson's Sydney City.

SYDNEY CITY WIN CHALLENGE MATCH

Newcastle.....1 Sydney City.....2

NEWCASTLE turned on the lights but Sydney City did their own power switch to defeat the Rosebuds 2-1 in their charity challenge at Adamstown on Saturday.

BY NEIL JAMESON

some confusion.

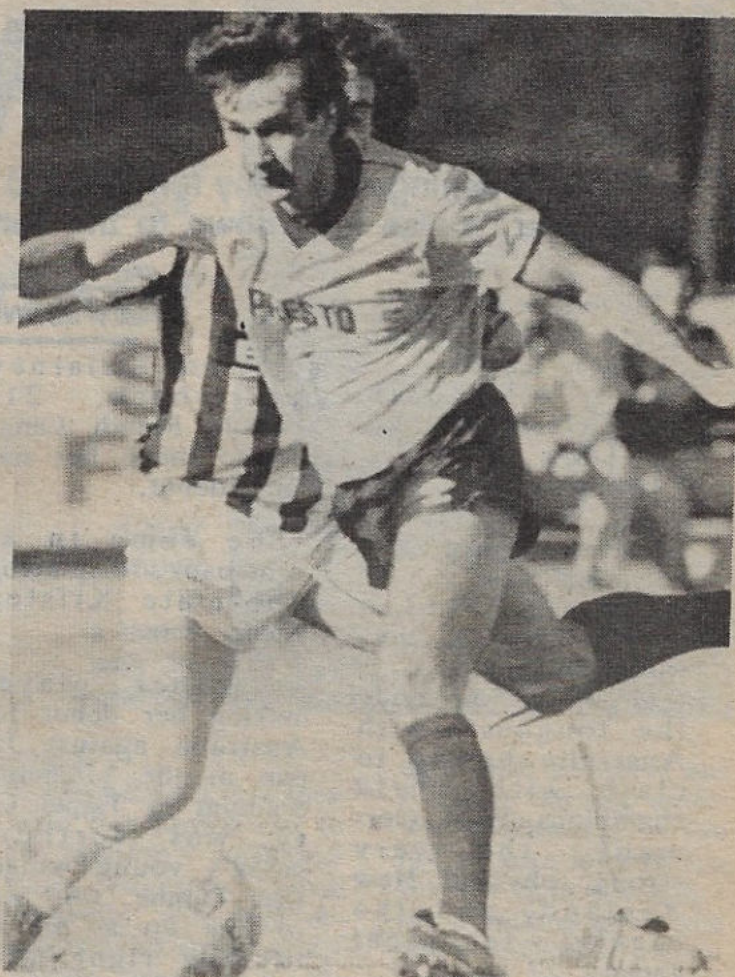
The linesman's flag went up, the defence hesitated, and the ball rolled through Clint Gosling's grasp as referee Reeves, to Newcastle's dismay, allowed the goal to stand.

Man of the match: From a group of gutsy midfielders, **PAUL KAY** gets the prize for weathering the early storm and being at his best to help City gain second-half ascendancy.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Owens, Boogaard, M. Jones, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones (Stewart 64), Robertson, Kerby (Fawkes 45), McClelland.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano (Clark 45), Cant, Robertson, Gomez (O'Connor 45), de Marigny, Kay, Watson, Barnes, Farina, Kosmina, Lee (Fletcher 80).

REFEREE: J. Reeves.
CROWD: 1,000.



□ PAUL KAY

MORE SPONSORS, PR MAN FOR NSL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AT a press conference held at the Sydney Hilton Hotel by the National Soccer League, it was disclosed that two additional companies would add their weight to the League this year.

The two companies join the growing group that will be sponsoring the NSL this season.

"It's great news for soccer and shows that we are achieving commercial acceptance in the marketplace," Mr Stefan Kamasz, the NSL's general manager, said.

The NSL will also engage a top PR/promotions man, with an expected announcement to be made later this week.

The Rothmans Company will donate a nine carat gold medal to the League's "Best and Fairest" player, and has a current value of \$4,000.

The winner will receive the gold medal at a lavish dinner late September at Sydney's Hilton.

The Rothmans Company, associated with soccer at state level for the last 15 years, now has made the decision to support the National League.

Voting will be done by match referees on a 3-2-1 basis and sealed in envelopes, not to be opened till the 1985 League season is completed.

However, any player sent off during the season is automatically disqualified from the Rothmans

Medal for that season.

The NSL's auditors will store the votes till opened by the League's official scrutineer.

Australian Soccer Pools also joins the League this season with an associated cash sponsorship deal.

The Pools company, will contribute a cash sponsorship of \$20,000 to the League, and will be associated with various promotions within the NSL.

Rothmans and Australian Soccer Pools join forces with the League's major sponsor, Olympic Airways.

Mitre Sports and Ansett Airways will be the League's official suppliers once again, with SBS giving television coverage of matches.

The PR man the League hopes to engage is a senior partner with Phil Jarratt Communications and has had extensive experience in soccer, being an NSL club director in the past and currently a well-known journalist.

The candidate for the PR/promotions position will be interviewed by the League tonight (Tuesday).

CROOK BACK IN SOCCEROO FORM

BY TOM McKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE has bounced back into contention for the SA Ampol Cup and leading the charge is former Socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook in his comeback bid.

He is expected to turn back Campbelltown on Friday night, while the rest of the team does enough to take West into the semi-finals after a disastrous start to the series.

Then they went down 0-1 to Para Hills who in turn were whipped 1-4 by Campbelltown.

Then in came Crook for his first competitive match when Gary Sproul was laid out with a poisoned foot.

As West stormed to a 3-1 win over Croatia, Crook turned on his international form.

Vintage

He slid out to take the ball from strikers, dived left and right, and at one point blocked a point-blank shot then recovered to catch the ball as it was sent in again.

It was vintage Crook, who nervously took the field after a year on the outer establishing

a new pest control business.

"Before the match Martyn was as nervous as he was when he played his first senior game for the club," said coach and former team-mate Neil McGachey.

"But he was right when the match kicked off and the only trouble he had was with high balls after being away from the lights for so long."

While he has still a lot to prove, Crook must again be considered as a possible Socceroo, along with Victorians Yakka Banovic and Jeff Olver, who are also out to impress national coach Frank Arok.

Whether Crook can hold from remains to be seen, but with all due respect to other keepers in the competition none can touch Crook when he is on song.

Apart from the form of Crook, West will be boosted for the showdown match with the return of Youth Socceroo John Panagis.

A regular first team midfielder, he starred for Australia in the World Youth Championship qualifying rounds, and appears certain to walk back into the West line-up.

Campbelltown currently top Group A with three points in the Ampol series with one round to go. West are on two points.



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AUSTRALIA IN TOUGH GROUP IN TAIWAN

WITH the opening ceremony for the third World Womens Invitational Football Tournament over, it was now down to the serious business of football.

Eleven teams were split into three groups as follows:

Group A: Australia, West Germany, Japan, USA.

Group B: New Zealand, Switzerland, Chinese Liang Yu, Polynesia.

Group C: Mu-Lan (China Taiwan), Norway, Thailand.

Group A was easily the toughest, with Australia having to clash with world champions West Germany, the very strong, physical New Zealand, and the highly technical Japan.

Australia's first match in the series was against Japan.

Jim Selby, Australia's national coach, surprised everyone when he

selected Killarney centre-back, 21-year-old Mandi Langlaar to make her national debut.

She came in at right-back, displacing club-mate Kristen Theile.

Another player making her debut for Australia against Japan at the Municipal Stadium in Taipei City, was Northern NSW's young winger Lisa Dunne, who was to line up as an attacking right midfielder.

The team to face Japan was:

Goalkeeper: Salmons.
Back-four: Langlaar, J. Millman, Van Bruinessen, K. Millman.

Midfield: L. Dunne, Dolan, Monteath, Oakley.

Attack: Wardell, Iserief.

Australia was surprised by Japan's nippyness and technique, and had to battle to keep Japan out for the first 10 minutes as the Land of the Rising Sun applied relentless pressure.

Twice within the first 10 minutes, Japan zeroed rocket-shots that whistled inches past the Australian goal.

But in fact Australia scored first.

In the 10th minute, Queensland's experienced international midfielder Susan Monteath slung a perfect corner from the

left flank. Australia's sweeper Rose Van Bruinessen pushed up and from 12 metres out scored Australia's first goal in the WWIFT.

Ten minutes later, Australia went further ahead with a second goal, scored by striker Leigh Wardell.

From a long goal-kick by Vicky Salmons, Australia won the ball in midfield and knocked it out to the left to Renaye Iserief. The big, blonde striker busted her way clear and blasted at the Japanese goal.

Japan's goalkeeper managed to only half block the scorching drive, only to see Wardell race in and tap the loose ball into the net.

But in the 27th minute, Japan hit back with a goal from attacking midfielder Ohara Tomoko, when she cracked a low shot just inside the post.

With the score 2-1 Australia's way at half-time, it looked as if Australia would get maximum points from this match.

But with the second half three minutes old, Japan rocked Australia, scoring an equaliser following some very loose marking by the Australians in the box.

Australia desperately tried to get the winner, as midfielder Julie Dolan and vice-captain Susan Monteath drove Australia forward, as Japan held off countless Aussie raids.

Iserief and Langlaar both put in solid performances to support best performers, Monteath and Dolan.

Australia had failed to stretch Japan out wide on the flanks, and get behind their back-four.

Victoria's Jan Oakley, who showed magnificent form at training, slinging brilliant crosses into the box from the left flank, failed in this department in the match.

Australia, playing without width, crucified their twin-strikers Iserief and Wardell through the middle.

Japan displayed excellent technique, and proved difficult opponents to hold with their magnificent close-ball skills.

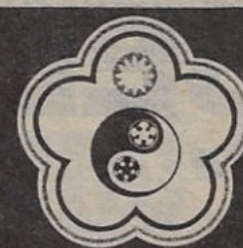
Japan's Tomoko, well supported by central midfielder Takakura Asako, constantly cut through Australia's lines from behind.

Australia, having dropped a valuable point in this match, now had to face the physical USA the next evening.

Meanwhile, defending champions West Germany opened their account in the Tournament with a crushing 3-1 win over the United States in a very physical encounter.

Time after time, the USA were saved by their free-back captain Karrie Keebler and stopper Dana King, who both defended as if their lives depended on it with bone-crushing tackles.

But West Germany, brilliantly shown the way by striker Sylvia Neld and midfielder Anne Knupp, eventually wilted the American girls' resistance to break through.



CHINESE TAIPEI FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
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DECEMBER 8-16



□ AUSTRALIAN vice-captain Susan Monteath



□ AUSTRALIAN captain Julie Dolan



□ USA's stopper, Dana King



□ USA's skipper and sweeper, Karrie Keebler



□ WEST GERMANY's striker, Silvia Neld



□ WEST GERMANY's Anne Knupp

AWSA NATIONAL DIRECTOR TO BE APPOINTED

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

NEXT Saturday, a panel of four will interview six applicants for the position of national executive director for the Australian Women's Soccer Association.

The interviewing panel will consist of: Allan Hampton, the president of the AWSA; Neil Richardson from Canberra's Australian Sports Commission; Brian Emery, general secretary of the ASF; and Ms Therese Dillon, publicity officer of the AWSA.

The applicants to be considered for the position are:

• Keith Gilmour, a recently-retired executive and leading soccer journalist for

the past 28 years.

• Julie Dolan, current Australian women's captain who has played for the national team for the past 10 years.

• Heather Reid, a Canberra sports administrator and national team manageress to Taiwan recently.

• Sonja Martin, current state player with qualifications in sports administration.

• Mike Urukalo,

current assistant trainer with Marconi Soccer Club.

A decision is expected to be made by next Monday evening.

The position will be financed by a government grant of \$10,000 till July, with the balance funded by the AWSA.

From July this year till June next year, another government grant of \$25,000 will be received for this position.



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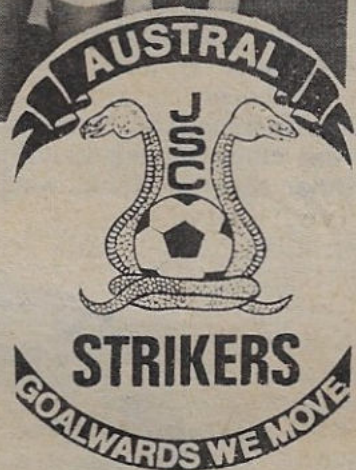


NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL



NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL UNDER 11 1984:

BACK ROW: Mr F. Brady (manager), Mr C. Mason (coach), Mr S. Pissani (asst coach).
CENTRE ROW: A. Gibson, A. Hempson, M. Brady, P. Wood, C. Mason, U. Collinson, P. Pissani.
FRONT ROW: R. Azzato, M. Carpenter, J. Collinson, P. Mettam, C. Mulheron, M. Legge.
RECORD: Minor premiers (undefeated), defeated in semi-final, 29 goals for, 4 against.



JOE WATSON INTRODUCES NEW SCHOOL OF COACHING

A NEW and innovative coaching school is being launched this week by current Sydney City and Australian international Joe Watson and Roy Thomas, currently a NSW State Coach and also coach of the Sydney City youth team.

Joe and Roy will be pooling their wealth of experience to give budding young soccer stars the unique opportunity of regular daily or weekly coaching sessions to improve their ability.

Sessions will be held daily, both in the mornings and in the afternoons, and numbers will be kept to a minimum so as to give as much attention as possible to each individual.

Weekend sessions also will be available.

Says Joe: "This is a new idea and one which Roy and myself are positive will be a big hit with the kids."

"The mere fact that youngsters can get top coaching on a regular basis and practice their skills under the watchful eyes of Roy and myself guarantees their skills and basic knowledge of the game will show a dramatic improvement."

"We plan to run the school throughout the year so it really is a unique opportunity for any young soccer hopefuls."

It looks like a winner, both for Joe and Roy, and for all the youngsters who will take part. But don't be disappointed, phone Joe or Roy now and book early.

Joe, incidentally is Sydney City's longest-serving player and is the first player in the club's history to have played 250 League games.



JOE WATSON

Joe was voted N.S.W. Player of the Year 1982, and then Australian Player of the year 1983.

He is also a current member of Frank Arok's Socceroo side that will soon embark on attempting to qualify for the next World Cup.

Roy Thomas is currently a NSW State Coach and has coached all over Australia and overseas and has done some great work with youngsters over the years. At the moment he is also heavily involved in coaching Sydney City's Youth Team.

It certainly looks like a great combination.



KU-RING-GAI'S UNDER 14 YOUTH LEAGUE TEAM 1984:

BACK ROW: Adrian Solomon (manager), Dylan Robertson, Hiro Kobayashi, Tim Glasby, Harry Tsioukanis (coach), Darren Chan, Michael Tycho, Kei Hirosaki.
FRONT ROW: Derek Solomon, Tim Rees, Duncan Blyth, Grant Morrow, Natalino Tassone, Domonique Gonzales, Justin Cooke.

1985 Bill Turner Cup Entries

ENTRIES to the popular NSW-wide Bill Turner Cup for Under 15 teams from public and private schools close with area co-ordinators on March 13.

Players must not turn 15 before January 1, 1985, to be eligible.

Queries concerning contact with co-ordinators can be made to Terry Hampton (Wallsend High) on (049) 51 1811 or at home (049) 59 1966.

Entry Form

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Manager:
Home phone:
Coach:
Home phone:
Principal's signature:
Colours:
Shirt:
Shorts:
Socks:
Expected home ground:

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VICTORIA'S PROUD RECORD

IF any state has the highest aspirations for the 1985 junior National Championships, then it will have to knock the redoubtable Victorians off their perch.

Last season Victoria excelled by winning the Under 15 grade in Perth and the 14s at Tubemakers in Newcastle.

They only ended a point behind NSW in the U13s, which were played at Altona in Melbourne.

The points tables in the respective grades were:

UNDER 15							
	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
VIC	5	1	1	23	2	+21	11
WA	5	1	1	11	6	+ 5	11
QLD	5	0	2	13	6	+ 7	10
N.NSW	4	0	3	14	4	+10	8
NSW	3	2	2	13	4	+ 9	8
SA	2	0	5	6	16	-10	4
ACT	1	1	5	5	21	-16	3
NT	1	6	3	29	-26		1

UNDER 14							
	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
VIC	6	1	1	5	4	+ 1	13
N.NSW	5	1	2	14	6	+ 8	11
SA	5	1	2	10	4	+ 6	11
NSW	5	0	3	27	6	+21	10
QLD	4	2	2	13	8	+ 5	10
TAS	2	2	4	5	10	- 5	6
WA	1	3	4	8	15	- 7	5
NT	2	0	6	5	29	-24	4
ACT	0	2	6	4	27	-23	2

UNDER 13							
	W	D	L	F	A	D	P
NSW	4	2	0	20	6	+14	10
VIC	4	1	1	17	3	+14	9
WA	4	0	2	13	12	+ 1	8
SA	3	1	2	11	8	+ 3	7
QLD	3	0	3	7	12	- 5	6
N.NSW	1	0	5	2	13	-11	2
NT	0	0	6	1	17	-16	0

Albury squabble laid to rest

BY FRANK FINLAY

THE "Border War" over whether Albury-Wodonga youngsters are eligible to play for NSW or Victoria came to a head in Albury.

The controversy had raged over whether youngsters from Albury (NSW) could continue to seek to represent Victoria.

The scene for the meeting of NSW and Victorian officials was set up at Soccer House, St Kilda, recently when Victorian Junior League MC chairman, Peter Crawley, and NSW Amateur Federation president, Ian Holmes, reviewed the situation.

The problem revolved around the point that Albury-Wodonga is one association, with Albury on the NSW side of the Murray River and Wodonga in Victoria.

The state officials met AWSA president John King and the 12 presidents of the local clubs.

The settlement made had its Solomon-like flavour. Players in future may only represent the state in which they reside.

So Wodonga boys will have their chance in Melbourne and Alburyites in Sydney.

The summit meeting should turn out to be a success. The area will progress when it is rid of petty-minded issues and personality clashes.

In another decision, it was resolved

that an interchange of players between states would be permitted where a player has been unable to gain selection in his home state.

In another forward move, it was announced that arrangements were in hand to match the NSW Country Regional teams in Albury during July.

It is further aimed to match the Victorian U16 team and the NSW U16s.

Both presidents emphasised that their state organisations will not tolerate any more disharmony among their ranks.

Surely a lesson has been learnt at last.



□ PETER CRAWLEY (Victoria) and Ian Holmes (NSW) shake hands over the deal with Albury-Wodonga's John King looking on.

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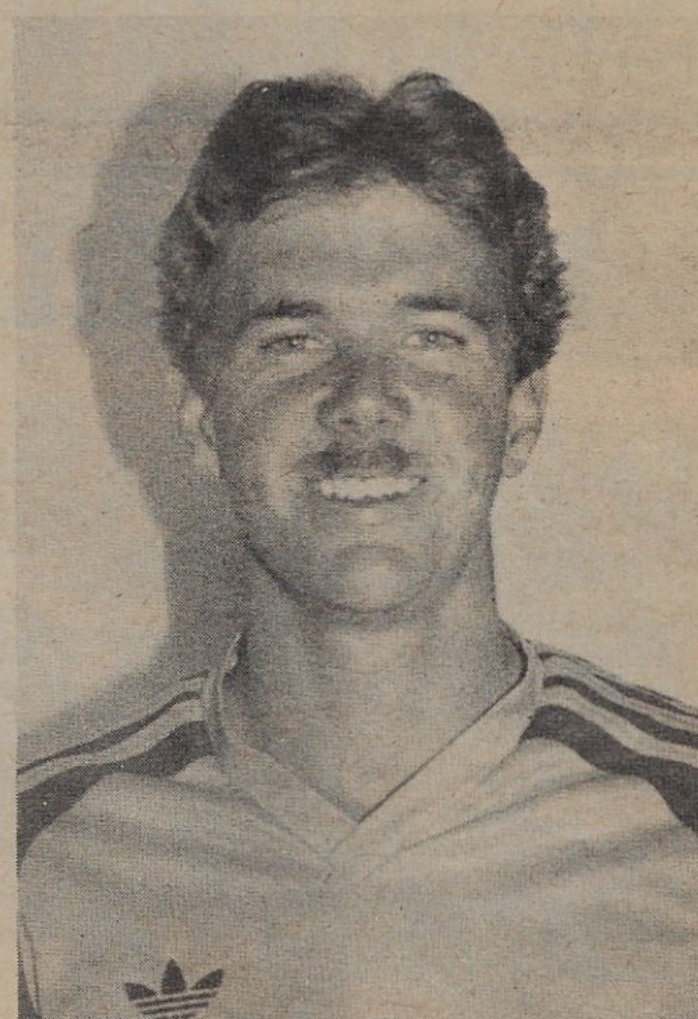
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AUSTRALIA'S U16 SQUAD



ROBERT RUNJE

Birthdate: 26/2/69
State: Victoria
Club: Frankston Pines
Association/League: State League
School: Monterey High
Main honours as player: Captain of Oceania tournament. Two national gold medals.
Ambitions in sport: To be successful in soccer and win a World Cup
Ambitions in life: To finish my HSC with high honours
Age commenced Soccer: 7
First club: Seaford United
Other sports: Tennis, weights



STEVE NISCIOLI

Birthdate: 3/2/69
State: South Australia
Club: Adelaide City
Association/League: U18
School: Woodville High
Main honours as player: State representative
Ambitions in sport: Play for Australia at Senior level
Ambitions in life: To be happy and complete PE course
Age commenced Soccer: 8
First club: Adelaide City
Other sports: Australian Rules, football.



JUSTIN DAVIS

Birthdate: 23/5/69
State: Northern NSW
Club: Mullumbimby
Association/League: First Grade
School: Mullumbimby High
Main honours as player: State representative
Ambitions in sport: Play for Australia at Senior level
Age commenced Soccer: 5
First club: East Gosford
Other sports: Surfing, cricket



DAMIEN BUTLER

Birthdate: 5/9/69
State: Queensland
Club: Ipswich United
Association/League: Brisbane Southern District
School: Inala High
Main honours as player: Queensland U13, 14, 15
Ambitions in sport: To become a world-class soccer player
Ambitions in life: Pro soccer player, highest degree in human body movements
Age commenced Soccer: 9
First club: Inala City
Other sports: Swimming, athletics, cricket, indoor cricket, indoor soccer

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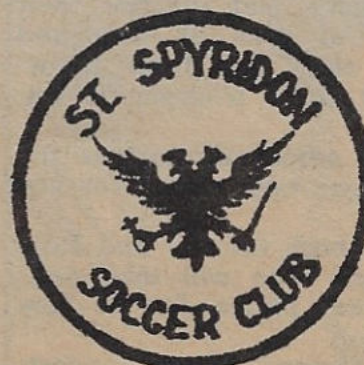
OUT for a repeat of its 1984 success in Southern and Eastern SFA's St Spyridon Soccer Club.

Three teams — U11, U14 and U15 — won their respective competitions and U8 were runners-up.

The U14 and U15 boys also won their KO Cups and each reached the quarter-finals of the NSW Champion of Champions series.

These results are sure to inspire the

boys and their coaches to reach the heights again in 1985.



The A to Z of junior soccer organisation

ALL clubs affiliated with the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation are being supplied with an excellent range of instructional handbooks.

These publications are specifically designed to assist the club or association secretary, publicity officer and other officials to understand and carry out their positions.

The first three titles published cover the role of secretary and publicity officer and recruiting, training and retraining of voluntary workers.

The NSW Amateur Federation collected the idea of the booklets from the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in Western Australia.

Their worth to the administrators involved in the widespread sport of soccer in Australia will be almost inestimable, provided that they are properly circulated among the associations, clubs, referees, coaches and other support organisations.

Full value

They also need handing around within the membership of the various bodies so that their full value is realised.

The Amateurs were able to arrange for their advertising agent to cover the cost of 1,000 copies of each title.

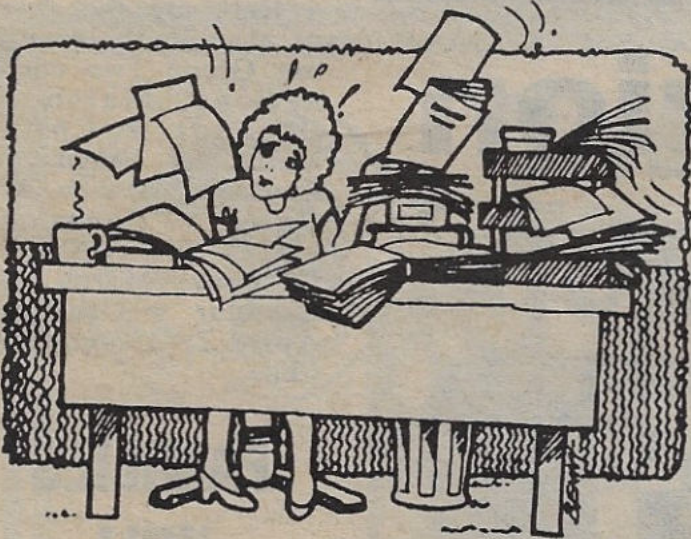
As one official put it: "To keep soccer growing we must continue to strengthen the base of the game."

"Some people who come in to act as officials have had considerable administrative experience."

"Others have not handled much paperwork nor have they been involved in recruiting people and promotion."

"Soccer must obtain volunteers and then train and keep them."

"If we do this well we will continue to progress. There is certainly no better game to assist youngsters to gain physically and mentally from participation."



□ This "Why not delegate?" sketch tells its story. The idea is to have a working team including assistant secretary, equipment officer, publicity, fund raising, tours, promotions and also for example the presentation night coordinator.

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□ Here is a facsimile of the cover of one of the excellent publications issued to assist administrators and publicity officers and those securing volunteers to assist in operating junior soccer.

It is pleasing to note that there are more topics yet to be printed.

These will cover "Accounting for Small Clubs", "Funds and Fund-Raising", "Chairmanship" and "Constitutions, Incorporation and Insurance".

Consideration will be given to releasing two other titles to complete the series.

Apart from this excellent move, the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation is conducting courses at two levels in sports administration.

There may be a way to assist interested junior soccer officials to attend these courses.

By application to the subject matter many will find that the tasks can more easily be handled.

An efficient organisation will certainly handle its affairs better than one that lacks understanding of basic principles.

The pity so far is that whilst soccer has concentrated on field coaching to a reasonable degree, insufficient has been done in the teaching of administration and related topics.

It would be a worthwhile idea for the NSW Amateurs to provide copies to the National Junior Council and all states as well.

The benefit should be Australia-wide and not just confined to the southern part of NSW.

NSW 1985 MINI AMPOL CUP FINAL

MARCONI AND BLACKTOWN MUST REPLAY

MARCONI and Blacktown City lived to fight another day, following their hard-fought scoreless draw in the NSW Mini Ampol Cup Final played at St George Stadium.

The pair have been rescheduled to meet in the replay at Marconi Stadium on April 7.

The Young Demons were unlucky not to have won out on the day, due to the run of chances they created when aided by the breeze throughout the second half.

Marconi had the opposition under pressure from the kick-off, but then Robbie Stanton set up some heady moves for Blacktown.

The game developed into a midfield battle royal and big Marconi goalkeeper Mark Bosnich was able to cover a free-kick.

Paul Okon for Marconi soon afterwards

made a classy run, but he surrendered possession under challenge from Greg Ericson.

Blacktown replaced Ken Irving with Mike Crosetta after the break.

Soon Marconi's strong striker John Rancic was in action, but he found himself robbed of possession once he got inside the penalty box.

Mistakes began to creep into the play of both teams, as they became over anxious to score and the breeze was playing little tricks out on the pitch.

Michael Lenz struck the woodwork, following a transfer from Blacktown's right wing.

It was heartwarm-

ing to see Lenz double back and cover immediately, as Marconi swung into immediate attack.

Towards the end, Blacktown grabbed the initiative without being able to translate their advantage into goals.

Kevin Healy was in the action with some tricky footwork and Edward Clune did well at left midfield.

Andrew Bool drove in a hefty free-kick, but big Marconi keeper Bosnich took the shot chest-high without flinching.

Near the end, a header from Lenz bounced off Marconi's post and out, at an acute angle.

Glenn Johnson also went close to scoring almost on full-time.

\$1,000 UP FOR GRABS AT HANWOOD

CLUBS from Southern NSW have been invited to play in the McWilliams Wines Cup at Hanwood, just outside Griffith, on March 9-10.

Tournament director Jim Portolesi can be reached on (069) 622 183 to discuss entries.

Eight teams will be divided into two groups for a round-robin competition, with the two top teams in each division going through to play for the Cup.

The remaining teams will contest the Consolation Cup.

Total prizemoney for the weekend is \$1,000 and a special dinner has been organised at the Hanwood Catholic Club.

Jim Selby works on technique

BUNDABERG'S off-season proved a busy one with six-a-side night competitions played until Christmas.

Training for junior players interested in improving their techniques was conducted under the guidance of Jim Selby.

A well-attended Level 2 coaching course was run over five weeks, with 15 coaches and an equal number of junior players.

A MIGHTY COUNTRY ARMY!

HERE is the group of 81 boys who assembled at Parklea to try for selection in the NSW Amateur Federation's Country U14 to U16 squads.

A group of 48 lads were selected to train on, with the final choices to be made over Easter.

The U13s will be selected during the same period.

The coaches involved at Parklea were: U16 Vince Balzan, U15 Tony Anastasi and U14 David Ahearn.

— FRANK FINLAY



SUPER WORLD CLUB SERIES SHELVED

ARGENTINA'S plans to organise a super world competition for club sides has been sunk ... by Africa.

The Argentinian plan was for the European Cup winners from 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 to join the South American champion club from the same years, plus one club nominated by FIFA, another nominated by Argentina, an extra team from South America and one side from Africa, Asia or Central America in a series to be staged in 1987.

Such a tournament would have been a huge money-spinner. It would have been the first time all the world's greatest club sides had got together

in one competition.

But the African Federation stepped in to kill the project.

African president Mustapha Fami hit out with the comment: "How can any sane person expect three whole continents to compete for only one place in such a championship?"

As so often in the past, FIFA backed up the African complaint and, for the time being at least, this super competition has been shelved.

ROMA ARE KEEN

A.S. ROMA is interested in buying Irishman Alan Campbell from Spain's Santander.

Campbell, who started his career with Shamrock Rovers in Dublin, is having problems in Spain and would be happy to switch to Italy.

At 24, Campbell is a proven goalscorer.

The mystery is ... how did England's club talent-scouting network miss him when he was playing in the League of Ireland?



CHILE WILL CHALLENGE URUGUAY

HAVING been rated the best team in South America not long ago, Uruguay should be certain to qualify for the World Cup ... but they will have to fight hard to win Group Two.

Their opposition comes from Chile and Ecuador, hardly international giants, yet

there is no shortage of optimism in both countries.

Ecuador have been playing warm-up matches in North and Central America with excellent results.

Chile, guided by Pedro Morales, recently beat Paraguay 1-0 and Finland 2-0, the goals coming from Jorge Aravena, known as "The Cannon", and Letelier.

The Chileans were pleased with both games because they involved opposition teams playing South American and European styles.

Uruguay have also shown good recent form. They soundly beat East Germany 3-0 in the Centenario Stadium in Montevideo and had two wins and one loss against Paraguay.

Here are the dates of the South American Group Two eliminations: March 3, Ecuador v Chile; March 10, Uruguay v Ecuador; March 17, Chile v Ecuador; March 24, Chile v Uruguay; March 31, Ecuador v Uruguay; April 7, Uruguay v Chile.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

WHO was South America's "Player of the Year" in 1984?

Not one of the brilliant Brazilians for a change.

The award went to Enzo Francescoli of Uruguay, who was in Australia in 1981 as a striker with his country's World Youth team.

He follows in the illustrious footsteps of

players like Pele, Tostao, Zico, Kempes, Maradona and Figueroa.

The only player to top the voting in three different years was the Chilean Figueroa in 1974, 1975 and 1976.

This contest has been going for 13 years and Brazil has supplied the winner five times, Argentina and Chile three each, Peru and Uruguay one apiece.

LEFT: ENZO FRANCESCOLI (white shirt): the South American Player of the Year in 1984.

WORLD RESULTS

YUGOSLAVIA

Vardar Skop v Vojvodina NS	0-0
Isk Bug v Red Star	2-1
Vel Mostar v Sutj Nik	2-0
Sarajevo v Rijeka	1-0
Rad Nis v Di V'kovci	1-0
Osijek v Slo Tuzla	1-0
Pristina v Zel v S'jevo	2-0
B Titograd v Di Zagreb	1-1
Partizan v Hajduk	4-1

Leading positions after 19 matches: Sarajevo 27 pts, Split 24, Zeljeznicar 22, Partizan 22, Vardar 21.

FRANCE

Rouen v Toulouse	0-2
R.C. Paris v Monaco	0-1
Bastia v Paris S.G.	1-2
Metz v Toulon	1-0
Tours v Brest	1-1
Auxerre v Nantes	1-0
Lens v Lille	2-0
Marseilles v Bordeaux	0-1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bordeaux	19	5	2	24	18	
Nantes	16	4	5	42	36	
Auxerre	12	8	5	37	32	
Toulon	14	3	9	33	27	
Metz	12	5	8	31	34	
Monaco	11	6	8	39	23	

E. GERMANY

H Rostock v Vor F'urt	1-3
Motor Suhl v C-Z Jena	2-2
Dy Berlin v Ch Leipzig	5-1
Dy Dresden v Wismut Ave	3-1
K-M Stadt v St Riesa	2-0
Lok Leipzig v Magdeburg	2-1
Stahl B'burg v R-W Erfurt	0-2

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dy Berlin	12	2	1	49	26	
Dy Dresden	9	5	1	39	23	
Lok Leipzig	10	2	3	36	14	
Magdeburg	6	6	3	29	20	
Wismut Ave	6	6	3	22	18	

BELGIUM

Kv Mechelen v Ghent	0-0
Waregem v Waterschei	5-0
Beerschot v St Nikolaas	0-0
Fc Liegeois v Club Brugge	1-1
Beveren v Lierse	3-0
Standard v Antwerp	1-1
Lokeren v Kortrijk	4-0
Anderlecht v Seraing	6-0
Cercle Brugge v Racing Jet	2-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Anderlecht	15	5	0	67	17	35
Waregem	14	2	4	47	24	30
Fc Liegeois	10	7	3	36	19	27
Ghent	10	5	5	42	23	25
Club Brugge	9	7	4	31	26	25
Beveren	10	4	6	37	18	24

ITALY

Ascoli v Avellino	2-2
Cremonese v Atalanta	0-0
Florentina v Sampdoria	0-3

Inter v Torino	1-1
Juventus v Verona	1-1
Napoli v Lazio	4-0
Roma v Milan	0-1
Udinese v Como	4-1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Verona	10	9	1	27	12	29
Inter	9	10	1	24	12	28
Torino	10	6	4	29	18	26
Sampdoria	8	9	3	22	13	25
Milan	8	9	3	20	17	25
Juventus	7	9	4	28	21	23
Roma	6	11	3	16	15	23

VITAL WIN

LISBON, — West Germany beat Portugal 2-1 in a World Cup European Group Two qualifying match here.

Scorers: West Germany — Pierre Littbarski (27th minute), Rudolf Voeller (37). Portugal — Diamantino Miranda (57). Attendance: 60,000.

HONG KONG, Hong Kong beat Brunei 8-0 in a World Cup Asian Group Four qualifying match today.

Scorers: Mak Kin-Fun (2, 60, 80, 82), Lau Wing-Yip (75, 85), Lai Wing-Cheung (5), Sze Wai-San (30).

QUITO, Ecuador beat Bolivia 3-0 in a warm-up for the World Cup next year.

Scorers: Maldonado (22), Benitez (65), Villafuerte (70). Attendance: 24,600.

SANTIAGO, Chile drew with Colombia in a warm-up for the World Cup.

Scorers: Colombia — Viofora (34). Chile — Letelier (89). Attendance: 22,445.

LEADING UK SCORERS

DIVISION ONE

Dixon (Chelsea)	28
Falco (Tottenham)	22
Sharp (Everton)	21
Bannister (Queen's Park Rangers)	21
Lineker (Leicester)	20

DIVISION TWO

Aldridge (Oxford)	22
Stevens (Shrewsbury)	17
Hamilton (Oxford)	17
Geddis (Birmingham)	10 for
Barnsley	16
Wilkinson (Grimsby)	16

World Cup action



PIERRE LITBARSKI (white shirt), scorer of West Germany's opening goal, in World Cup action against Portugal in Lisbon on Sunday.

FAMILIES WILL BENEFIT

BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH of West Germany and England's Liverpool will play a challenge match for the families of 18 Royal Air Force men who were killed in a tragic accident on an autobahn near Moenchengladbach recently.

No date has been set, due to fixture commitments, but it the match will probably be played during the summer.

The stadium will be provided rent-free and a hotel in the town has offered to accommodate the Liverpool party without charge.

The dead airmen were members of the RAF band. They were incinerated when their bus hit a petrol tanker.



UK Scene

A CHEEKY ARSENAL PICTURE

STRANGE things are happening at Arsenal these days and it seems manager Don Howe is getting edgy about what's going on.

A newspaper photographer took a picture of Arsenal stars Tony Woodcock and Charlie Nicholas getting a massage at a health farm. The players were nude.

That may have been all right but the masseurs were masseuses!

Howe told the photographer: "You have exploited Arsenal and my players are embarrassed. You are finished at the club."

To which the "happy snaps" man replied: "As a life-long Spurs supporter, being banned from Arsenal is better than winning bingo."

Two of Britain's top keepers in the news



SOUTHALL SHUNS SOCCER GLAMOUR

EVERTON'S Neville Southall is rated by many good judges as the best goalkeeper in Britain.

But the Welsh international is not all interested in the glamour and the big-spending associated with so many other famous players.

He hates holidays in exotic resorts, shuns posh cars (he rides to training on a pushbike!) and merely says he is grateful to be earning a comfortable living as a footballer.

Southall once earned a paltry \$4 a day washing dishes at a cafe — but claims he never dropped any!

Looking back on those hard times, Southall now

has a fanatical dedication to stay on top in his professional football career.

Everton boss Howard Kendall says: "He is a pain in the backside when he can't train."

"During the big freeze I told him he couldn't train outdoors in case of injury so he pleaded for us to give him a sand pit. We did, and 24 hours later Neville was jumping around in it ... happy as a sandboy."

This dedication to training was obvious on one occasion when Southall returned home after only four days on holiday in Spain. He said he was missing his training.

Ask Southall what his ambition is and he'll say: "Just to be happy."

JOHNSTON TO LEAVE LIVERPOOL

CRAIG JOHNSTON has decided to part company with England's giant club Liverpool.

Johnston asked for a transfer last Friday night.

Immediately the news hit the English press, Manchester United, Chelsea, Newcastle, Arsenal and Tottenham contacted Johnston at his home, offering him contracts.

We contacted Craig at his home last night, and he told us:

"At this stage I don't know what will happen, but Chelsea look to have the inside running for the moment, just ahead of Arsenal and United."

Chelsea is managed by John Neal, who managed Johnston at Middlesbrough prior to the Australian player joining Liverpool.

"I just had to get out," Johnston said.

"I have been playing well and winning Man of the Match awards, yet the following week I was always the first to get dropped."

"I've had enough."

Arsenal manager Don Howe has stepped in with a swap deal, offering Scottish striker Charlie Nicholas to Liverpool.

Although Johnston was offered an extended contract by Liverpool, he rejected the offer.

It is no secret that the rugged attacking midfielder has never seen eye-to-eye with Liverpool manager Joe Fagan.

Liverpool paid Middlesbrough \$1,250,000 transfer for Johnston, and last Friday the club placed \$1,000,000 on his head.

SHILTON SIGNS NEW CONTRACT

PETER SHILTON has signed a new three-year contract with Southampton although he still has 18 months to run on his present one.

Shilton, England's first-choice goalkeeper, said he wanted to sort out his club future now so he could concentrate on helping England win the World Cup without any club hassles.

At 35, Shilton is now tied to Southampton for four-and-a-half years, but he says he

might even sign another contract in the 1990s.

"With modern training methods, there's no reason why I shouldn't still play international football in my 40s," he said. "The great Russian Lev Yashin was playing great stuff at 42 — and look at Pat Jennings."

Shilton has played 66 times for England and now looks sure to make a record number of England appearances for a goalkeeper.

Gordon Banks holds the record with 73 international caps.



SANSOM ADMIRER

IF England qualify for the 1986 World Cup, as seems certain, the first player manager Bobby Robson will select for Mexico is Arsenal left-back Kenny Sansom.

Robson admits he is a great Sansom fan.

"He is by some considerable margin the best left-back in England," said Robson.

He went on: "Kenny is very much a one-position player but he defends well and is also a very important attacker."

"He is a durable player, extremely fit and muscular. He has a solid build plus good balance and all this has helped him avoid serious injury."

In eight full seasons, Sansom has missed only 11 games through injury.

IT'S ITALY FOR LIAM

LIAM BRADY is still hooked on Italian soccer and the way of life in his adopted country.

The Irish international midfielder has told his club, Inter Milan,

that he will stay with the club until the end of next season.

In this season's fiercely-competitive first division, Brady's Inter are challenging Verona for top spot.

UK TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE								ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	26	17	4	5	59	30	55	Bury	28	17	6	5	48	26	57
Tottenham	26	15	6	5	52	27	51	Blackpool	28	16	7	5	43	24	55
Man. United	27	14	6	7	50	31	48	Hereford	26	15	6	5	41	20	51
Liverpool	27	12	9	6	39	23	45	Chesterfield	28	14	9	5	43	28	51
Notts Forest	26	14	3	9	41	34	45	Darlington	26	14	9	3	37	22	51
Arsenal	27	13	4	10	46	36	43	Peterborough	30	15	5	10	43	35	50
Southampton	27	12	7	8	34	30	43	Colchester	27	14	7	6	58	43	49
Sheff. Wed.	25	11	9	5	40	25	42	Crewe	28	12	6	10	39	39	42
Chelsea	27	10	10	7	42	31	40	Tranmere	28	13	2	13	48	43	41
Aston Villa	26	10	7	9	38	40	37	Swindon	28	12	5	11	37	43	41
Norwich	26	10	6	10	31	35	36	Hartlepool	29	10	9	10	33	37	41
West Bromwich	27	10	5	12	37	39	35	Scunthorpe	27	10	8	9	40	35	38
QPR	28	8	10	10	33	45	34	Port Vale	27	10	8	9	40	37	38
Newcastle	28	8	9	11	40	52	33	Southend	30	9	7	14	43	62	34
West Ham	25	8	8	9	32	37	32	Mansfield	25	8	9	8	19	16	33
Leicester	26	8	6	12	44	48	30	Exeter	28	8	9	11	37	46	33
Watford	24	7	8	9	45	46	29	Chesham	26	7	7	12	33	39	28
Sunderland	26	8	5	13	30	37	29	Rochdale	26	7	7	12	37	35	28
Coventry	27	8	4	15	28	47	28	Aldershot	26	7	6	13	33	41	27
Ipswich	24	5	7	12	22	35	22	Stockport	25	7	6	12	34	44	27
Luton	25	5	7	13	29	46	22	Halifax	27	8	2	17	25	43	26
Stoke	26	2	6	18	17	55	12	Torquay	28	5	8	15	25	43	23
								Northampton	28	7	2	19	35	55	23
								Wrexham	27	6	4	17	40	50	22
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO								SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	27	15	8	4	51	26	53	Aberdeen	27	19	4	4	61	21	42
Man. City	28	15	7	6	45	24	52	Celtic	25	16	5	4	56	22	37
Oxford	25	15	5	5	53	21	50	Dundee United	25	13	5	7	44	25	31
Birmingham	25	15	4	6	34	22	49	Rangers	27	10	11	6	33	25	31
Portsmouth	27	12	10	5	46	36	45	St Mirren	27	12	4	11	32	39	28
Leeds	27	13	6	8	47	30	45	Hearts	26	11	4	11	36	41	26
Fulham	28	14	3	11	50	48	45	Dundee	26	9	6	11	36	37	24
Brighton	27	12	6	9	29	22	42	Hibernian	27	6	5	16	29	47	17
Shrewsbury	26	11	8	7	47	37	41	Dumbarton	26	5	7	14	26	44	17
Grimsby	27	12	5	10	49	42	41	Morton	26	4	1	21	22	74	9
Huddersfield	27	12	5	10	37	38	41								
Barnsley	25	10	10	5	29	20	40	SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE							
Sheff. United	28	8	10	10	44	43	34		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wimbledon	25	9	5	11	43	52	32	Clydebank	26	13	8	5	39	26	34
Carlisle	27	9	4	14	30	43	31	Airdrieonians	26	14	5	7	48	29	33
Oldham	28	8	5	15	29	53	29	Motherwell	27	13	6	8	42	31	32
Charlton	26	7	6	13	32	38	27	Hamilton	28	12	7	9	35	35	31
Crystal Palace	25	6	8	11	29	38	26	Clyde	28	10	10	8	37	34	30
Middlesbrough	28	6	7	15	32	45	25	Forfar	26	10	9	7	41	34	29
Wolves	27	6	6	15	30	52	24	Brechin	27	12	5	10	38	38	29
Cardiff	27	5	5	17	28	53	20	East Fife	28	9	10	9	44	37	28
Notts County	28	5	5	18	23	54	20	Falkirk	26	12	4	10	49	46	28
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE								SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	29	19	5	5	48	25	62	Ayr	25	8	7	10	34	36	23
Rotherham	29	15	6	8	42	33	51	Kilmarnock	26	7	7	12	25	44	21
Millwall	27	14	7	6	46	28	49	Partick	28	7	6	15	30	43	20
Hull	28	13	10	5	44	30	49	St. Johnstone	26	7	4	15	37	49	18
Gillingham	26	15	4	7	47	39	49	Meadowbank	27	4	10	13	32	49	18
Bournemouth	31	13	7	11	31	28	46								
Bristol City	28	13	6	9	44	35	45	SCOTTISH DIVISION THREE							
Bristol Rovers	28	13	6	9	42	34	45		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	28	13	5	10	49	35	44	Alloa	26	16	7	3	43	18	39
Reading	27	13	5	9	45	40	44	Montrose	27	17	4	6	43	30	38
Doncaster	28	12	5	11	48	43	41	Dunfermline	25	11	9	5	40	26	31
Derby	27	11	6	10	41	36	39	Cowdenbeath	24	10	6	8	43	28	26
Walsall	25	10	9	6	34	29	39	Stenhousemuir	25	8	10	7	26	30	26
Bolton	30	11	4	15	45	41	37	Stirling	25	6	12	7	40	33	24
Wigan	28	9	9	10	30	35	36	Raith	25	9	6	10	35	36	24
Newport	27	9	8	10	34	36	35	Stranraer	23	9	5	9	35	35	23
Brentford	29	9	8	12	37	44	35	Queens Park	25	9	5	11	35	38	23
Lincoln	26	8	9	9	31	26	33	Albion	24	8	4	12	26	42	20
Plymouth	28	8	8	12	40	47	32	Arbroath	27	7	6	14	24	47	20
Burnley	27	7	8	12	40	43	29	Berwick	25	5	9	11	24	29	19
Swansea	29	6	7	16	31	53	25	Queen of Sth	24	5	9	10	27	36	19
Orient	29	7	4	18	31	54	25	East Stirling	25	4	10	11	27	40	18
Preston	27	6	4	17	31	64	22								
Cambridge	27	3	4	20	21	54	13								



1985 NSL CUP

ROUND 1 THIS WEEKEND MARCH 2-3

**CARDIFF v
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UTD**

Saturday 7pm
Adamstown Oval

**SYDNEY CITY v
ST GEORGE**

Saturday 3pm
Wentworth Park

**CANBERRA CITY v
ROCKDALE ILINDEN**

Sunday 3pm
Seiffert Oval

**BLACKTOWN CITY v
LEICHHARDT**

Sunday 4pm
Gabbie Stadium

**SYDNEY OLYMPIC v
PENRITH CITY**

Sunday 4pm
St George Stadium

**WOLLONGONG CITY v
SYDNEY CROATIA**

Sunday 4pm
Wollongong Showground

**MARCONI v
BRISBANE CITY**

Sunday 4pm
Marconi Stadium

**INTER MONARO v
WEST WODEN JUVENTUS**

Sunday 5pm
Seiffert Oval

**ADELAIDE CROATIA v
ADELAIDE CITY**

Sunday 4pm
Hindmarsh Stadium

**WEST TORRENS BIRKALLA v
WEST ADELAIDE**

Sunday 2pm
Hindmarsh Stadium

**HEIDELBERG UNITED v
MORWELL FALCONS**

Sunday 4pm
Olympic Village

**BRUNSWICK UTD JUVENTUS v
MELBOURNE CROATIA**

Sunday 2pm
Olympic Park No.2

**FOOTSCRAY v
GREEN GULLY**

Sunday 2pm
Connor Reserve

**SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v
JUVENTUS PIONEER**

Sunday 2pm
Olympic Village

**PRESTON v
SOUTH MELBOURNE**

Sunday 4pm
Connor Reserve

**BRISBANE LIONS v
IPSWICH UNITED**

Sunday 4pm
Richards Stadium